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ORDERS OF 1912 WERE PASSED AND
AMENDED.

Number of Standing Orders in 1912.	Dates at which each Standing Order was passed and amended.	Number of Standing Orders in 1912.	Dates at which each Standing Order was passed and amended.
1	24 Feb. 1888, 2 May 1902, and 2 and 3 Apr. 1906.	14	28 July 1870.
2	5 Aug. 1853, 8 Apr. 1902, and 3 Apr. 1906.	15	28 Apr. 1902 and 3 Apr. 1906.
3	3 Apr. 1906.	16	3 May 1861 and 2 May 1902.
4	11 Apr. 1902 and 3 Apr. 1906.	17	27 Nov. 1882, 7 Mar. 1888, and 17 Feb. 1902.
5	28 Feb. 1888.	18	28 Feb. 1880, 22 Nov. 1882, 7 Mar. 1901, and 17 Feb. 1902.
6	29 Feb. 1888.	19	27 Nov. 1882 and 28 Feb. 1888.
7	5 Aug. 1853.	20	28 Feb. 1888.
8	1 May 1902 and 3 Apr. 1906.	21	17 Feb. 1902.
9	7 Mar. 1888, 29 Apr. 1902, and 3 Apr. 1906.	22	27 Nov. 1882.
10	27 Nov. 1882, 29 Apr. 1902, and 3 Apr. 1906.	23	27 Nov. 1882 and 28 Feb. 1888.
11	7 Mar. 1888 and 2 May 1902.	24	3 May 1861.
12	5 Aug. 1853.	25	1 May 1902 and 3 Apr. 1906.
13	5 Aug. 1853 and 7 Mar. 1888.	26	18 Mar. 1887 7 Mar. 1888, and 28 July 1909.

Table showing Dates at which Standing Orders of 1912
were passed and amended—*continued*.

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27	28 Feb. 1888 and 28 July 1909.	51	28 Feb. 1888, 17 Feb. 1891, and 4 Mar. 1901.
28	12 Dec. 1906.		
29	12 Dec. 1906.		
30	29 Feb. 1888.	52	27 Nov. 1882.
31	5 Aug. 1853 and 17 Feb. 1902.	53	19 July 1854.
32	5 Aug. 1853.	54	21 July 1856 and 7 Mar. 1888.
33	19 July 1854.		
34	19 July 1854.	55	25 June 1852.
35	27 Nov. 1882.	56	25 June 1852.
36	19 July 1854.	57	25 June 1852.
37	19 July 1854.	58	25 June 1852.
38	19 July 1854.	59	25 June 1852.
39	5 Aug. 1853.	60	25 June 1852.
40	27 Nov. 1882.	61	25 June 1852.
41	28 Feb. 1888.	62	25 June 1852.
42	21 July 1856.	63	9 Aug. 1875.
43	19 July 1854.	64	25 June 1852 and 21 July 1856.
44	24 July 1849.		
45	24 July 1849.		
46	16 Apr. 1907.	65	29 Feb. 1888.
47	7 Mar. 1888, 1 May 1902, 9 Apr. 1906, and 16 Apr. 1907.	66	11 June 1713, 25 June 1852, and 20 Mar. 1866.
48	7 Mar. 1888 and 16 Apr. 1907.	67	29 Mar. 1707.
49	7 Mar. 1888 and 16 Apr. 1907.	68	25 Mar. 1715.
		69	22 Feb. 1821.
		70	21 July 1856.
		71	20 Mar. 1866.
50	7 Mar. 1888 and 22 Apr. 1901.	72	13 July 1869.
		73	13 July 1869.

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were passed and amended—*continued*.

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74	13 July 1869.	81	20 July 1855
75	3 Apr. 1862 and 28 Mar. 1870.		11 Feb. 1902 and 28 July 1909.
76	14 Apr. 1842 and 5 Aug. 1853.	82	6 Apr. 1835.
77	14 Apr. 1842 and 5 Aug. 1853.	83	29 Apr. 1858.
		84	30 Apr. 1866.
78	14 Apr. 1842 and 5 Aug. 1853.	85	1 July 1880.
		86	20 Feb. 1872.
79	14 Apr. 1842 and 5 Aug. 1853.	87	20 Feb. 1872.
		88	5 Feb. 1845.
80	14 Apr. 1842 and 5 Aug. 1853.	89	5 Feb. 1845.
		90	7 Mar. 1888.
		91	25 June 1852.
		92	25 June 1852.
		93	25 June 1852.
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STANDING ORDERS RELATIVE TO PUBLIC BUSINESS.

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STANDING ORDERS RELATIVE TO PUBLIC BUSINESS.

Sittings of the House.

1.—(1.) Unless the house otherwise order, ^{Sittings of} the house shall meet every Monday, Tuesday, ^{the house.} Wednesday, and Thursday at a quarter to three of the clock.

(2.) At half-past eleven of the clock the speaker shall adjourn the house without question put, unless a bill originating in committee of ways and means, or unless proceedings made in pursuance of any act of parliament or standing order, or otherwise exempted as hereinafter provided from the operation of this standing order, be then under consideration.

(3.) At eleven of the clock on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, except

as aforesaid, and at five of the clock on Fridays, the proceedings on any business then under consideration shall be interrupted; and, if the house be in committee, the chairman shall leave the chair, and make his report to the house; and if a motion has been proposed for the adjournment of the house, or of the debate, or in committee that the chairman do report progress, or do leave the chair, every such dilatory motion shall lapse without question put.

(4.) Provided always, that on the interruption of business the closure may be moved; and if moved, or if proceedings under the closure rule be then in progress, the speaker or chairman shall not leave the chair until the questions consequent thereon and on any further motion, as provided in the rule "closure of debate," have been decided.

(5.) After the business under consideration at eleven and five, respectively, has been disposed of, no opposed business shall be taken.

(6.) All business appointed for any sitting, and not disposed of before the termination of the sitting, shall stand over until the next sitting, or until such other sitting on any day on which the house ordinarily sits as the member in charge of the business may appoint.

(7.) A motion may be made by a minister of the crown at the commencement of public business, to be decided without amendment or debate,
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to the following effect: "That the proceedings on any specified business, if under discussion at eleven this night, be not interrupted under the standing order 'sittings of the house,'" or to the following effect: That the proceedings on any specified business, if under discussion when the business is postponed, be resumed and proceeded with, though opposed, after the interruption of business.

(8.) Provided always, that after any business exempted from the operation of this order is disposed of, the remaining business of the sitting shall be dealt with according to the provisions applicable to business taken after eleven o'clock.

(9.) Provided also that the chairman or deputy-chairman of ways and means do take the chair as deputy-speaker, when requested so to do by Mr. Speaker, without any formal communication to the house; and that Mr. Speaker shall nominate, at the commencement of every session, a panel of not more than five members to act as temporary chairmen of committees, when requested by the chairman of ways and means.

2. The house shall meet every Friday, at twelve o'clock at noon, for private business, petitions, orders of the day, and notices of motions, and shall continue to sit until half-past five o'clock, unless previously adjourned.

Duration
of Friday
sittings.

Termination of Friday sittings.

3. When such business has been disposed of, or at half-past five o'clock precisely, notwithstanding there may be business under discussion, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the house without putting any question.

Arrangement of Public Business.

Precedence of business at different sittings.

4. Unless the house otherwise direct—

(a) Government business shall have precedence at every sitting except after a quarter-past eight on Tuesday and Wednesday and the sitting on Friday ;

(b) After a quarter-past eight on Tuesday and Wednesday notices of motion and public bills, other than government bills, shall have precedence of government business, and any government business then under consideration shall, without question put, be postponed until the business having precedence of it is disposed of ;

(c) After Easter government business shall have precedence during the whole of Tuesday ;

(d) After Whitsuntide, until Michaelmas, government business shall have precedence at all sittings, except the sittings on the third and fourth Fridays after Whit Sunday ;

(e) After

(e) After a quarter-past eight, when government business has not precedence notices of motion shall have precedence of the orders of the day ;

(f) At the sittings on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday the house will first proceed with petitions, motions for unopposed returns, and leave of absence to members, giving notices of motions, and unopposed private business.

5. On days on which government business has priority, the government may arrange such government business, whether orders of the day or notices of motions, in such order as they may think fit.

Arrange-
ment of
government
business.

6. After Whitsuntide, public bills, other than government bills, shall be arranged on the order book so as to give priority to the bills most advanced, and lords' amendments to public bills appointed to be considered shall be placed first, to be followed by third readings, considerations of report, bills in progress in committee, bills appointed for committee, and second readings.

Precedence
of bills after
Whitsun-
tide.

7. No notice shall be given beyond the period which shall include the four days next following on which notices are entitled to precedence; due allowance being made for any intervening adjournment of the house, and the period being in that case so far extended as to

Period for
which
notices of
motion may
be given.

include four notice days falling during the sittings of the house.

Private Business.

Time for
taking pri-
vate busi-
ness.

8.—(1.) No opposed private business shall be set down for the sittings on Friday, or for a quarter-past eight on Wednesday between Easter and Whitsuntide.

(2.) All private business which is set down for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, and is not disposed of by three of the clock shall, without question put, be postponed until such time as the chairman of ways and means may determine.

(3.) Provided that such private business shall always be taken at a quarter-past eight on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, or as soon thereafter as any motion for the adjournment of the house standing over has been disposed of, and that such postponed business shall be distributed as near as may be proportionately between the sittings on which government business has precedence and the other sittings.

(4.) No opposed private business other than that then under consideration shall be taken after half-past nine of the clock.

(5.) Unopposed private business shall have precedence of opposed private business.

9.—(1.) Notices

Questions.

9.—(1.) Notices of questions shall be given by members in writing to the clerk at the table without reading them *vivâ voce* in the house, unless the consent of the speaker to any particular question has been previously obtained. Questions to members.

(2.) Questions shall be taken on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, after private business has been disposed of, and not later than three of the clock.

(3.) No questions shall be taken after a quarter before four of the clock, except questions which have not been answered in consequence of the absence of the minister to whom they are addressed, and questions which have not appeared on the paper, but which are of an urgent character, and relate either to matters of public importance or to the arrangement of business.

(4.) Any member who desires an oral answer to his question may distinguish it by an asterisk, but notice of any such question must appear at latest on the notice paper circulated on the day before that on which an answer is desired.

(5.) If any member does not distinguish his question by an asterisk, or if he or any other member deputed by him is not present to ask it, or if it is not reached by a quarter before four of the clock, the minister to whom it is addressed shall cause an answer to be printed and circulated with the votes, unless the member has signified his desire to postpone the question.

*Adjournment on Matter of Public
Importance.*

Motion for
adjourn-
ment on
matter of
urgent pub-
lic import-
ance.

10. No motion for the adjournment of the house shall be made until all the questions asked at the commencement of business on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday have been disposed of, and no such motion shall be made before the orders of the day or notices of motion have been entered upon, except by leave of the house, unless a member rising in his place shall propose to move the adjournment for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, and not less than forty members shall thereupon rise in their places to support the motion, or unless, if fewer than forty members and not less than ten shall thereupon rise in their places, the house shall, on a division, upon question put forthwith, determine whether such motion shall be made. If the motion is so supported, or the house so determines that it shall be made, it shall stand over until a quarter-past eight on the same day.

*Bringing in Bills and Nominating Select
Committees at Commencement of Public
Business.*

Motions for
leave to
bring in bills
and nomina-
tion of select
committees
at com-
mencement
of public
business.

11. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and, if set down by the government, on Mondays and Thursdays, motions for leave to bring in bills, and for the nomination of select committees, may be set down for consideration at the com-
inment

mencement of public business. If such motions be opposed, Mr. Speaker, after permitting, if he thinks fit, a brief explanatory statement from the member who moves and from the member who opposes any such motion respectively, may, without further debate, put the question thereon, or the question, that the debate be now adjourned.

Orders of the Day.

12. At the time fixed for the commencement of public business, on days on which orders have precedence of notices of motions, and after the notices of motions have been disposed of, on all other days, Mr. Speaker shall direct the clerk at the table to read the orders of the day, without any question being put.

Orders of day to be read without question put.

13. The orders of the day shall be disposed of in the order in which they stand upon the paper; the right being reserved to His Majesty's ministers of placing government orders or motions at the head of the list, in the rotation in which they are to be taken on the days on which government bills have precedence.

Order of disposing of orders of day.

Supply and Ways and Means.

14. This house will, in future, appoint the committees of supply and ways and means at the commencement of every session, so soon as an address has been agreed to, in answer to His Majesty's speech.

Appointment of committees.

Business of
supply.

15.—(1.) As soon as the committee of supply has been appointed and estimates have been presented, the business of supply shall, until disposed of, be the first order of the day on Thursday, unless the house otherwise order on the motion of a minister of the crown, moved at the commencement of public business, to be decided without amendment or debate.

(2.) Not more than twenty days, being days before the 5th of August, shall be allotted for the consideration of the annual estimates for the army, navy, and civil services, including votes on account. The days allotted shall not include any day on which the question has to be put that the speaker do leave the chair, or any day on which the business of supply does not stand as first order.

(3.) Provided that the days occupied by the consideration of estimates supplementary to those of a previous session or of any vote of credit, or of votes for supplementary or additional estimates presented by the government for war expenditure, or for any new service not included in the ordinary estimates for the year, shall not be included in the computation of the twenty days aforesaid.

(4.) Provided also that on motion made after notice, to be decided without amendment or debate, additional time, not exceeding three days, may be allotted for the purposes aforesaid, either before or after the 5th of August.

(5.) On

(5.) On a day so allotted, no business other than the business of supply shall be taken before eleven, and no business in committee or proceedings on report of supply shall be taken after eleven, whether a general order exempting business from interruption under the standing order (sittings of the house) is in force or not, unless the house otherwise order on the motion of a minister of the Crown, moved at the commencement of public business, to be decided without amendment or debate.

(6.) Of the days so allotted, not more than one day in committee shall be allotted to any vote on account, and not more than one sitting to the report of that vote. At eleven on the close of the day on which the committee on that vote is taken, and at the close of the sitting on which the report of that vote is taken, the chairman of committees or the speaker, as the case may be, shall forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the vote or the report.

(7.) At ten of the clock on the last day but one of the days so allotted the chairman shall forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the vote then under consideration, and shall then forthwith put the question with respect to each class of the civil service estimates that the total amount of the votes outstanding in that class be granted for the services defined in the class, and shall in like manner put severally the questions that the total amounts of the votes outstanding in the estimates for the navy, the army, and the
revenue

revenue departments be granted for the services defined in those estimates.

(8.) At ten of the clock on the last, not being earlier than the twentieth, of the allotted days, the speaker shall forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the report of the resolution then under consideration, and shall then forthwith put, with respect to each class of the civil service estimates, the question, that the house doth agree with the committee in all the outstanding resolutions reported in respect of that class, and shall then put a like question with respect to all the resolutions outstanding in the estimates for the navy, the army, the revenue departments, and other outstanding resolutions severally.

(9.) On the days appointed for concluding the business of supply, the consideration of that business shall not be anticipated by a motion of adjournment, and no dilatory motion shall be moved on proceedings for that business and the business shall not be interrupted under any standing order.

(10.) Any additional estimate for any new matter not included in the original estimates for the year shall be submitted for consideration in the committee of supply on some day not later than two days before the committee is closed.

(11.) For the purposes of this order two Fridays shall be deemed equivalent to a single sitting on any other day.

16. The committees of supply and ways and means shall be fixed for Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and may also be appointed for any other day on which the house shall meet for despatch of business.

Days for committees of supply and ways and means.

17. Whenever the committee of supply stands as an order of the day, Mr. Speaker shall leave the chair without putting any question, unless on first going into supply on the army, navy, or civil service estimates respectively, or on any vote of credit, an amendment be moved, or question raised, relating to the estimates proposed to be taken in supply.

When chair to be left without question put.

Order in the House.

18.—(1.) Whenever any member shall have been named by the speaker, or by the chairman of a committee of the whole house, immediately after the commission of the offence of disregarding the authority of the chair, or of abusing the rules of the house by persistently and wilfully obstructing the business of the house, or otherwise, then, if the offence has been committed by such member in the house, the speaker shall forthwith put the question, on a motion being made, no amendment, adjournment, or debate being allowed, "That such member be suspended from the service of the house;" and, if the offence has been committed in a committee of the whole house,

Order in debate.

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the chairman shall forthwith suspend the proceedings of the committee and report the circumstance to the house; and the speaker shall on a motion being made thereupon put the same question, without amendment, adjournment, or debate, as if the offence had been committed in the house itself.

(2.) If any member be suspended under this order, his suspension on the first occasion ~~shall continue for one week, on the second occasion for a fortnight, and on the third or any subsequent occasion, for a month.~~

(3.) Provided always, that suspension from the service of the house shall not exempt the member so suspended from serving on any committee for the consideration of a private bill to which he may have been appointed before his suspension.

(4.) Provided also, that not more than one member shall be named at the same time, unless several members, present together, have jointly disregarded the authority of the chair.

(5.) Provided also, that if any member, or members acting jointly, who have been suspended under this order from the service of the house, shall refuse to obey the direction of the speaker, when severally summoned under the speaker's orders by the serjeant-at-arms to obey such direction, the speaker shall call the attention of the house to the fact that recourse

to force is necessary in order to compel obedience to his direction, and the member or members named by him as having refused to obey his direction shall thereupon and without further question put, be suspended from the service of the house during the remainder of the session.

(6.) Provided always, that nothing in this resolution shall be taken to deprive the house of the power of proceeding against any member according to ancient usages.

Note.—The words printed in erased type were struck out on the 13th February 1902, but the proceedings on the amendment of the standing order were not resumed after the 17th February 1902.

19. Mr. Speaker or the chairman, after having called the attention of the house, or of the committee, to the conduct of a member, who persists in irrelevance, or tedious repetition either of his own arguments, or of the arguments used by other members in debate, may direct him to discontinue his speech.

20.—(1.) Mr. Speaker or the chairman shall order members whose conduct is grossly disorderly to withdraw immediately from the house during the remainder of that day's sitting; and the serjeant-at-arms shall act on such orders as he may receive from the chair in pursuance of this resolution. But if, on any

Irrelevance
or repeti-
tion.

Disorderly
conduct.

occasion, Mr. Speaker or the chairman deems. that his powers under this standing order are inadequate, he may name such member or members in pursuance of the standing order "Order in debate," or he may call upon the house to adjudge upon the conduct of such member or members.

(2.) Provided always, that members who are ordered to withdraw under this standing order, or who are suspended from the service of the house under the standing order "Order in debate," shall forthwith withdraw from the precincts of the house, subject, however, in the case of such suspended members, to the proviso in that standing order regarding their service on private bill committees.

Power of speaker to adjourn house or suspend sitting.

21. In the case of grave disorder arising in the house the speaker may, if he thinks it necessary to do so, adjourn the house without question put, or suspend any sitting for a time to be named by him.

Adjournment and Counting Out.

Debate on motion for adjournment.

22. When a motion is made for the adjournment of a debate, or of the house during any debate, or that the chairman of a committee do report progress, or do leave the chair, the debate thereupon shall be confined to the matter of such motion; and no member, having moved or seconded any such motion, shall be entitled to move, or second, any similar motion during the same debate.

23. If Mr. Speaker, or the chairman of a Dilatory committee of the whole house, shall be of ^{motion in} ~~abuse of~~ opinion that a motion for the adjournment ^{rules of} ~~house.~~ of a debate, or of the house, during any debate, or that the chairman do report progress, or do leave the chair, is an abuse of the rules of the house, he may forthwith put the question thereupon from the chair, or he may decline to propose the question thereupon to the house.

24. While the committees of supply and ^{Adjourn-} ~~ment from~~ ways and means are open, the house, when it ^{Friday to} ~~Monday.~~ meets on Friday, shall, at its rising, stand adjourned until the following Monday, without any question being put, unless the house shall otherwise resolve.

25. The house shall not be counted between ^{Counting} ~~out.~~ a quarter-past eight and a quarter-past nine o'clock, but if on a division taken on any business between a quarter-past eight and a quarter-past nine o'clock it appears that forty members are not present, the business shall stand over until the next sitting of the house, and the next business shall be taken.

Closure of Debate.

26.—(1.) After a question has been proposed ^{Closure of} ~~debate.~~ a member rising in his place may claim to move, "That the question be now put," and, unless it shall appear to the chair that such motion is an abuse of the rules of the house, or an infringement of the rights of the minority, the question, "That the question be now put," shall be put forthwith, and decided without amendment or debate.

(2.) When the motion "That the question be now put" has been carried, and the question consequent thereon has been decided, any further motion may be made (the assent of the chair, as aforesaid, not having been withheld) which may be requisite to bring to a decision any question already proposed from the chair; and also if a clause be then under consideration, a motion may be made (the assent of the chair, as aforesaid, not having been withheld), that the question, that certain words of the clause defined in the motion stand part of the clause, or that the clause stand part of, or be added to, the bill, be now put. Such motions shall be put forthwith, and decided without amendment or debate.

(3.) A motion may be made (the assent of the chair, as aforesaid, not having been withheld) that, with respect to certain words in a motion, clause, or schedule under debate defined in the motion, the chair be empowered to select the amendments to be proposed. Such a motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate. If the motion is carried the chair shall then and thereafter exercise the power of selecting the amendments to be proposed on the words so defined. The chair may, if the chair thinks fit, ask any member who has given notice of an amendment to give such explanation of the object of the amendment as may enable the chair to form a judgment upon it. Provided that the power of selection shall not be exercised by the chairman of a standing committee.

(4.) Provided

(4.) Provided always, that this rule shall be put in force only when the speaker or the chairman of ways and means or deputy chairman is in the chair.

27. Questions for the closure of debate or selection of amendments under standing order "Closure of debate" shall be decided in the affirmative, if, when a division be taken, it appears by the numbers declared from the chair, that not less than one hundred members voted in the majority in support of the motion. Majority for closure.

Divisions.

28.—(1.) If the opinion of the speaker or chairman as to the decision of a question is challenged he shall direct that the lobby be cleared. Procedure on divisions.

(2.) After the lapse of two minutes from this direction he shall put the question again, and, if his opinion is again challenged, he shall nominate tellers.

(3.) After the lapse of six minutes from this direction he shall direct that the doors giving access to the division lobbies be locked.

29.—(1.) A member may vote in a division although he did not hear the question put. Voting of members.

(2.) A member is not obliged to vote.

30. Mr. Speaker or the chairman may, after the lapse of two minutes as indicated by the sand-glass, if in his opinion the division is frivolously or vexatiously claimed, take the vote of the house, or committee, by calling upon the Division frivolously claimed.

members who support, and who challenge, his decision, successively to rise in their places; and he shall thereupon, as he thinks fit, either declare the determination of the house or committee, or name tellers for a division. And, in case there is no division, the speaker or chairman shall declare to the house or the committee the number of the minority who had challenged his decision, and their names shall be thereupon taken down in the house, and printed with the lists of divisions.

Public Bills.

Presentation
or introduc-
tion and
first read-
ing.

31.—(1.) When any bill shall be presented by a member, in pursuance of an order of this house, or shall be brought from the Lords, the questions “That this bill be now read a first time,” and “That this bill be printed,” shall be decided without amendment or debate.

(2.) A member may, if he thinks fit, after notice, present a bill without an order of the house for its introduction; and when a bill is so presented, the title of the bill shall be read by the clerk at the table, and the bill shall then be deemed to have been read a first time, and shall be printed.

Procedure
on reading
order for
committee.

32. When a bill or other matter (except supply or ways and means) has been partly considered in committee, and the chairman has been directed to report progress, and ask leave to sit again, and the house shall have ordered that the committee shall sit again on a particular day, the speaker shall, when the order for

the committee has been read, forthwith leave the chair without putting any question, and the house shall thereupon resolve itself into such committee.

33. Bills which may be fixed for consideration in committee on the same day, whether in progress or otherwise, may be referred together to a committee of the whole house, which may consider on the same day all the bills so referred to it, without the chairman leaving the chair on each separate bill; provided that, with respect to any bill not in progress, if any member shall object to its consideration in committee, together with other bills, the order of the day for the committee on such bill shall be postponed.

Reference
of bills
together to
committee.

34. It shall be an instruction to all committees of the whole house to which bills may be committed, that they have power to make such amendments therein as they shall think fit, provided they be relevant to the subject-matter of the bill; but that if any such amendments shall not be within the title of the bill, they do amend the title accordingly, and do report the same specially to the house.

Amend-
ments in
committee.

35. In committee on a bill, the preamble shall stand postponed until after the consideration of the clauses, without question put.

Postpone-
ment of
preamble.

36. The questions for reading a bill a first and second time in a committee of the whole house shall be discontinued.

Discontinu-
ance of first
and second
reading stages
in committee.

37. In going through a bill no questions shall be put for the filling up words already

Question
not to be
put on

printed in *italics*, and commonly called blanks, unless exception be taken thereto; and if no alterations have been made in the words so printed in *italics*, the bill shall be reported without amendments, unless other amendments have been made thereto.

Procedure
on offer of
new clause.

38. On a clause being offered in the committee on the bill, or on the consideration of report of a bill, Mr. Speaker or the chairman shall desire the member to bring up the same, whereupon it shall be read a first time without question put, but no clause shall be offered on consideration of report without notice.

Report of
bill.

39. At the close of the proceedings of a committee of the whole house on a bill, the chairman shall report the bill forthwith to the house, and when amendments shall have been made thereto, the same shall be received, without debate, and a time appointed for taking the same into consideration.

Consideration
of bill
as amended.

40. When the order of the day for the consideration of a bill, as amended in the committee of the whole house, has been read, the house shall proceed to consider the same without question put, unless the member in charge thereof shall desire to postpone its consideration, or a motion shall be made to re-commit the bill.

Amend-
ments on
report.

41. Upon the report stage of any bill no amendment may be proposed which could not have been proposed in committee without an instruction from the house.

42. No amendments, not being merely verbal, shall be made to any bill on the third reading. Amendments on third reading.

43. Lords' amendments to public bills shall be appointed to be considered on a future day, unless the house shall order them to be considered forthwith. Lords' amendments.

44. With respect to any bill brought to this house from the House of Lords, or returned by the House of Lords to this house, with amendments, whereby any pecuniary penalty, forfeiture, or fee shall be authorized, imposed, appropriated, regulated, varied, or extinguished, this house will not insist on its ancient and undoubted privileges in the following cases:— Pecuniary penalties.

1. When the object of such pecuniary penalty or forfeiture is to secure the execution of the act, or the punishment or prevention of offences.

2. Where such fees are imposed in respect of benefit taken or service rendered under the act, and in order to the execution of the act, and are not made payable into the treasury or exchequer, or in aid of the public revenue, and do not form the ground of public accounting by the parties receiving the same, either in respect of deficit or surplus.

3. When such bill shall be a private bill for a local or personal act.

45. The precise duration of every temporary law shall be expressed in a distinct clause at the end of the bill. Temporary laws.

Standing Committees.

Committal
of bills.

46.—(1.) When a bill has been read a second time it shall stand committed to one of the standing committees, unless the house, on motion to be decided without amendment or debate, otherwise order; and such a motion shall not require notice, must be made immediately after the bill is read a second time, may be made by any member, and may, though opposed, be decided after the expiration of the time for opposed business. But this order shall not apply to—

(a) Bills for imposing taxes or Consolidated Fund or Appropriation Bills; or

(b) Bills for confirming Provisional Orders.

(2.) Provided that the house may, on motion made by the member in charge of a bill, commit the bill to a standing committee in respect of some of its provisions, and to a committee of the whole house in respect of other provisions, and that if such a motion is opposed the speaker, after permitting, if he thinks fit, a brief explanatory statement from the member who makes and from the member who opposes the motion, shall without further debate put the question thereon.

(3.) Where a bill has been committed to a standing committee, or has been so committed in respect of any provision, then, at the report stage of the bill or provision, the rule against speaking more than once shall not apply to the member in charge of the bill or to the mover of any amendment or new clause in respect of that amendment or clause.

47.—(1.) Four standing committees shall be appointed for the consideration of all bills committed to them ; and the procedure in such committees shall be the same as in a select committee, unless the house shall otherwise order : provided that strangers shall be admitted, except when the committee shall order them to withdraw ; and the said committees shall not sit, whilst the house is sitting, except in pursuance of a resolution of the committee, moved by the member in charge of the bill before the committee, and decided without amendment or debate, and shall not sit after four p.m., without the order of the house : provided also, that any notice of amendment to any clause in a bill which may be committed to a standing committee, given by any honourable member in the house, shall stand referred to such committee : provided also, that twenty be the quorum of such standing committees.

Constitution
of standing
committees.

(2.) One of the standing committees shall be appointed for the consideration of all public bills relating exclusively to Scotland and committed to a standing committee, and shall consist of all the members representing Scottish constituencies, together with not more than fifteen other members to be nominated in respect of any bill by the committee of selection, who shall have regard in such nomination to the approximation of the balance of parties in the committee to that in the whole house, and shall have power from time to time

to

to discharge, for non-attendance or at their own request, the members so nominated by them, and to appoint others in substitution for those discharged.

(3.) Subject as aforesaid the bills committed to a standing committee shall be distributed among the committees by Mr. Speaker.

(4.) In all but one of the standing committees government bills shall have precedence.

(5.) Standing order 19 (as to irrelevance and repetition) and standing orders 26 and 27 (as to closure) shall apply to standing committees, with the substitution in standing order 26 of the chairman of the committee for the chairman of ways and means, and, in standing order 27 of 20 for 100 as the number necessary to render the majority effective for the closure, and the chairman of a standing committee shall have the like powers as the chairman of a committee of the whole house has under standing order 23 (as to dilatory motions).

Nomination
of standing
Committees.

48. Each of the said standing committees shall consist of not less than sixty nor more than eighty members, to be nominated by the committee of selection, who shall have regard to the classes of bills committed to such committees, to the composition of the house, and to the qualifications of the members selected; and shall have power to discharge members from time to time, for non-attendance or at their own request, and to appoint others

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in substitution for those discharged. Provided that, for the consideration of all public bills relating exclusively to Wales and Monmouthshire, the committee shall be so constituted as to comprise all members sitting for constituencies in Wales and Monmouthshire. The committee of selection shall also have power to add not more than fifteen members to a standing committee in respect of any bill referred to it, to serve on the committee during the consideration of such bill. Provided that this order shall not apply to the standing committee on Scottish bills.

49. The committee of selection shall nominate a chairmen's panel to consist of not less than four nor more than eight members, of whom three shall be a quorum; and the chairmen's panel shall appoint from among themselves the chairman of each standing committee, and may change the chairman so appointed from time to time.

50. All bills which shall have been committed to one of the said standing committees shall, when reported to the house, be proceeded with as if they had been reported from a committee of the whole house: Provided only, that all bills reported from a standing committee, whether amended or not, shall be considered on report by the house without question put, unless the member in charge thereof desire to postpone its consideration, or a motion be made to re-commit the bill.

51. Whenever

Committees of the whole House.

When speaker leaves chair without question put.

51. Whenever an order of the day is read for the house to resolve itself into committee (not being a committee to consider a message from the crown, or the committee of supply, or the committee on the East India revenue accounts), Mr. Speaker shall leave the chair without putting any question, and the house shall thereupon resolve itself into such committee, unless notice of an instruction thereto has been given, when such instruction shall be first disposed of.

When chairman of committee leaves chair without question put.

52. When the chairman of a committee has been ordered to make a report to the house, he shall leave the chair without question put.

Report to be brought up without question put.

53. Every report from a committee of the whole house shall be brought up without any question being put.

Select Committees.

Sittings.

54. All committees shall have leave to sit, except while the house is at prayers, during the sitting, and notwithstanding any adjournment of the house.

Number.

55. No select committee shall, without leave of the house, consist of more than fifteen members; such leave shall not be moved for without notice; and in the case of members proposed to be added or substituted, after the first appointment of the committee, the notice shall

shall include the names of the members proposed to be added or substituted.

56. Every member intending to move for the appointment of a select committee shall endeavour to ascertain previously whether each member proposed to be named by him on such committee will give his attendance thereupon. Consent of members.

57. Every member intending to move for the appointment of a select committee shall, one day next before the nomination of such committee, place on the notices the names of the members intended to be proposed by him to be members of such committee. Notice of names of members.

58. Lists shall be affixed in some conspicuous place in the committee office and in the lobby of the house of all members serving on each select committee. Lists of members serving.

59. To every question asked of a witness under examination in the proceedings of any select committee there shall be prefixed in the minutes of the evidence the name of the member asking such question. Entry of questions asked.

60. The names of the members present each day on the sitting of any select committee shall be entered on the minutes of evidence, or on the minutes of the proceedings of the committee (as the case may be), and reported to the house on the report of such committee. Entry of members attending.

Entry of
divisions.

61. In the event of any division taking place in any select committee, the question proposed, the name of the proposer, and the respective votes thereupon of each member present, shall be entered on the minutes of evidence, or on the minutes of the proceedings of the committee (as the case may be), and reported to the house on the report of such committee.

Quorum.

62. If, at any time during the sitting of a select committee of this house the quorum of members fixed by the house shall not be present, the clerk of the committee shall call the attention of the chairman to the fact, who shall thereupon suspend the proceedings of the committee until a quorum be present, or adjourn the committee to some future day.

Power to re-
port opinion
and obser-
vations.

63. Every select committee having power to send for persons, papers, and records, shall have leave to report their opinion and observations, together with the minutes of evidence taken before them, to the house, and also to make a special report of any matters which they may think fit to bring to the notice of the house.

Notice of
prayers.

64. The serjeant-at-arms attending this house shall, from time to time, when the house is going to prayers, give notice thereof to all committees; and all proceedings of committees, after such notice, are declared to be null and void, unless such committees be otherwise empowered to sit after prayers.

65. The

Address in answer to King's Speech.

65. The stages of committee and report on the address to His Majesty to convey the thanks of the house for His Majesty's most gracious speech to both houses of parliament, at the opening of the session, shall be discontinued.

Discontinuance of stages on address in answer to King's speech.

Public Money.

66. This house will receive no petition for any sum relating to public service, or proceed upon any motion for a grant or charge upon the public revenue, whether payable out of the consolidated fund or out of money to be provided by parliament, unless recommended from the crown.

Recommendation from crown when required on application relating to public money.

67. This house will not proceed upon any petition, motion, or bill, for granting any money, or for releasing or compounding any sum of money owing, to the crown, but in a committee of the whole house.

Certain proceedings relating to public money to be initiated in committee.

68. This house will not receive any petition for compounding any sum of money owing to the crown, upon any branch of the revenue, without a certificate from the proper officer or officers annexed to the said petition, stating the debt, what prosecutions have been made for the recovery of such debt, and setting forth how much the petitioner and his security are able to satisfy thereof.

Restriction on receipt of petitions relating to public money.

69. This house will not proceed upon any motion for an address to the crown, praying

Procedure on address to crown for issue of public money.

that any money may be issued, or that any expense may be incurred, but in a committee of the whole house.

Procedure
on applica-
tion for
charge on
revenues of
India.

70. This house will not receive any petition, or proceed upon any motion for a charge upon the revenues of India, but what is recommended by the crown.

Procedure
on motion
for charge
on public
revenue.

71. If any motion be made in the house for any aid, grant, or charge upon the public revenue, whether payable out of the consolidated fund or out of money to be provided by parliament, or for any charge upon the people, the consideration and debate thereof shall not be presently entered upon, but shall be adjourned till such further day as the house shall think fit to appoint, and then it shall be referred to a committee of the whole house before any resolution or vote of the house do pass therein.

Packet and Telegraphic Contracts.

Contracts to
be approved
by resolu-
tion.

72. In all contracts extending over a period of years, and creating a public charge, actual or prospective, entered into by the government for the conveyance of mails by sea, or for the purpose of telegraphic communications beyond sea, there should be inserted the condition that the contract shall not be binding until it has been approved of by a resolution of the house.

Contracts to
be laid on
table.

73. Every such contract, when executed, shall forthwith, if parliament be then sitting, or, if parliament be not then sitting, within fourteen days

days after it assembles, be laid upon the table of the house, accompanied by a minute of the lords of the treasury, setting forth the grounds on which they have proceeded in authorizing it.

74. In cases where any such contract requires to be confirmed by act of parliament, the bill for that purpose shall not be introduced and dealt with as a private bill, and power to the government to enter into agreements by which obligations at the public charge shall be undertaken shall not be given in any private act.

Contrasts to be confirmed by public act.

Public Accounts.

75. There shall be a standing committee, to be designated "the committee of public accounts," for the examination of the accounts showing the appropriation of the sums granted by parliament to meet the public expenditure, to consist of eleven members, who shall be nominated at the commencement of every session, and of whom five shall be a quorum.

Standing committee on public accounts

Public Petitions.

76. Every member offering to present a petition to the house, not being a petition for a private bill, or relating to a private bill before the house, shall confine himself to a statement of the parties from whom it comes, of the number of signatures attached to it, and of the material allegations contained in it, and to the reading of the prayer of such petition.

Presentation of petitions

No debate
on presenta-
tion.

77. Every such petition not containing matter in breach of the privileges of this house, and which, according to the rules or usual practice of this house, can be received, shall be brought to the table by the direction of the speaker, who shall not allow any debate, or any member to speak upon, or in relation to such petition; but it may be read by the clerk at the table, if required.

Petition as
to present
personal
grievance.

78. In the case of such petition complaining of some present personal grievance, for which there may be an urgent necessity for providing an immediate remedy, the matter contained in such petition may be brought into discussion on the presentation thereof.

Reference of
petitions to
committee
on public
petitions.

79. All other such petitions, after they shall have been ordered to lie on the table, shall be referred to the committee on public petitions, without any question being put; but if any such petition relate to any matter or subject with respect to which the member presenting it has given notice of a motion, and the said petition has not been ordered to be printed by the committee, such member may, after notice given, move that such petition be printed with the votes.

Petitions
against im-
position of
a tax.

80. Subject to the above regulations, petitions against any resolution or bill imposing a tax or duty for the current service of the year shall be henceforth received, and the usage under

under which the house has refused to entertain such petitions shall be discontinued.

Speaker.

81.—(1.) Whenever the house shall be informed by the clerk at the table of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, the chairman of the committee of ways and means shall perform the duties and exercise the authority of speaker in relation to all proceedings of this house, as deputy speaker, until the next meeting of the house, and so on from day to day, on the like information being given to the house, until the house shall otherwise order: provided that if the house shall adjourn for more than twenty-four hours the deputy speaker shall continue to perform the duties and exercise the authority of speaker for twenty-four hours only after such adjournment.

Deputy
speaker and
deputy
chairman.

(2.) At the commencement of every parliament, or from time to time, as necessity may arise, the house may appoint a deputy chairman, who shall, whenever the chairman of ways and means is absent from the chair, be entitled to exercise all the powers vested in the chairman of ways and means, including his powers as deputy speaker.

Members.

82. No member's name shall be affixed to any seat in the house before the hour of prayers; Seats not to be taken before prayers.

and the speaker shall give directions to the doorkeepers accordingly.

Seats
secured at
prayers.

83. Any member having secured a seat at prayers shall be entitled to retain the same until the rising of the house.

Time for
taking the
oath.

84. Members may take and subscribe the oath required by law at any time during the sitting of the house, before the orders of the day and notices of motions have been entered upon, or after they have been disposed of; but no debate or business shall be interrupted for that purpose.

Affirmation
in lieu of
oath.

85. Every person returned as a member of this house, who may claim to be a person for the time being by law permitted to make a solemn affirmation or declaration instead of taking an oath, shall henceforth (notwithstanding so much of the resolution adopted by this house on the 22nd day of June 1880 as relates to affirmation) be permitted, without question, to make and subscribe a solemn affirmation in the form prescribed by the Parliamentary Oaths Act, 1866, as altered by the Promissory Oaths Act, 1868, subject to any liability by statute.

Witnesses.

Administra-
tion of oath
in house.

86. Any oath or affirmation taken or made by any witness before the house, or a committee of the whole house, may be administered by the clerk at the table.

87. Any

87. Any oath or affirmation taken or made by any witness before a select committee may be administered by the chairman, or by the clerk attending such committee.

Administra-
tion of oath
in select
committee.

Strangers.

88. The serjeant-at-arms attending this house shall, from time to time, take into his custody any stranger whom he may see, or who may be reported to him to be, in any part of the house or gallery appropriated to the members of this house, and also any stranger who, having been admitted into any other part of the house or gallery, shall misconduct himself, or shall not withdraw when strangers are directed to withdraw, while the house, or any committee of the whole house, is sitting; and no person so taken into custody shall be discharged out of custody without the special order of the house.

Power of
serjeant-at-
arms with
respect to
strangers.

89. No member of this house shall presume to bring any stranger into any part of the house or gallery appropriated to the members of this house while the house, or a committee of the whole house, is sitting.

Places to
which
strangers
are not ad-
mitted.

90. If at any sitting of the house, or in committee, any member shall take notice that strangers are present, Mr. Speaker, or the chairman (as the case may be), shall forthwith put the question, "That strangers be ordered to withdraw," without permitting any debate or amendment: provided that the speaker, or the

Withdrawal
of strangers
from house.

chairman, may, whenever he thinks fit, order the withdrawal of strangers from any part of the house.

Letters.

Custody of letters addressed to members.

91. To prevent the intercepting or losing of letters directed to members of this house, the person appointed to bring letters from the General Post Office to this house, or some other person to be appointed by the postmaster general, shall for the future, every day during the session of parliament, Sundays excepted, constantly attend, from ten of the clock in the morning till seven in the afternoon, at the place appointed for the delivery of the said letters, and take care, during his stay there, to deliver the same to the several members to whom they shall be directed, or to their known servant or servants, or other persons bringing notes under the hands of the members sending for the same.

Directions to officer in charge of letters.

92. The said officer shall, upon his going away, lock up such letters as shall remain undelivered; and no letter shall be delivered but within the hours aforesaid.

Orders to be sent to postmaster general.

93. The said orders shall be sent to the postmaster general at the commencement of each session.

Mode of dealing with letters directed to house.

94. When any letter or packet directed to this house shall come to Mr. Speaker, he shall open the same; and acquaint the house, at their next sitting, with the contents thereof, if proper to be communicated to this house.

95. If,

Parliamentary Papers.

95. If, during the existence of a parliament, papers are commanded to be presented to this house by His Majesty at any time, the delivery of such papers to the librarian of the House of Commons shall be deemed to be for all purposes the presentation of them to this house.



Clerk of the House of Commons.

Examined.



Clerk of the Journals.

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THE TWO CLASSES OF PRIVATE
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The Two Classes of Private Bills.

1. For the purposes of the Standing Orders of this House, all Private Bills to which the Standing Orders are applicable shall be divided into the Two following Classes, according to the subjects to which they respectively relate :—

1st CLASS :

1st Class,

Burial Ground, Making, Maintaining or Altering.
Charters and Corporations, enlarging or altering Powers of.
Church or Chapel, Building, Enlarging, Repairing or Maintaining.
City or Town, Paving, Lighting, Watching, Cleansing or Improving.
Company, Incorporating, Regulating, or giving Powers to.
County Rate.
County or Shire Hall, Court House.
Crown, Church, or Corporation Property, or Property held in Trust for Public or Charitable Purposes.
Electricity Supply.
Ferry, where no work is to be executed.
Fishery, Making, Maintaining or Improving.
Gaol or House of Correction.
Gas Work.
Improvement Charge, unless proposed in connection with a Second Class Work to be authorised by the Bill.
Land, Inclosing, Draining or Improving.
Letters Patent.

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Private
Bills.*

Local Court, Constituting.
Market or Market-place, Erecting, Improving, Repairing, Maintaining or Regulating.
Pilotage.
Police.
Poor, Maintaining or Employing.
Poor Rate
Powers to sue and be sued, Conferring.
Stipendiary Magistrate, or any Public Officer, Payment of.
Trolley vehicle system.

And

Continuing or amending an Act passed for any of the purposes included in this or the Second Class, where no further work than such as was authorised by a former Act is proposed to be made.

2nd Class.

2nd CLASS :

Making, Maintaining, Varying, Extending or Enlarging any

Aqueduct.	Harbour.
Archway.	Motor Road.
Bridge.	Navigation.
Canal.	Pier.
Out.	Port.
Dock.	Public Carriage
Drainage—Where it	Road.
is not provided in	Railway.
the Bill that the	Reservoir.
Out shall not be	Sewer.
more than Eleven	Street.
feet wide at the	Subway.
bottom.	Tramway.
Embankment for	Tramroad.
reclaiming Land	Tunnel.
from the Sea or	Waterwork.
any Tidal River.	
Ferry, where any work	
is to be executed.	

Appointment of Examiners.

*The Two
Classes of
Private
Bills.*

2. There shall be one or more Officers of Examiners of Petitions. this House, to be called "THE EXAMINERS OF PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS," who shall be appointed by Mr. Speaker.

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II.
*Standing
 Orders,
 compliance
 with which
 is to be
 proved
 before the
 Examiners
 of Petitions
 for Private
 Bills.*

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STANDING ORDERS, COMPLIANCE
 WITH WHICH IS TO BE PROVED
 BEFORE THE EXAMINERS OF
 PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS.

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Standing Orders, compliance with which is to be proved before the Examiners.

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[In these Orders, unless the context otherwise requires—

the term “Tramway” means a Tramway Definitions.

laid along a street or road; the term

“Tramroad” means a Tramway laid

elsewhere than along a street or road:

Provided that where a Bill relates partly

to Tramroad and partly to Tramway as

here defined, the provisions of these

Orders shall apply to such Tramroad or

Tramway however the same may be

described in the Bill;

the term “Railway” includes “Tram road and Motor Road”;

the term “Trolley vehicle system” means

a system of traction whereby vehicles are

propelled on roads by mechanical power

conveyed by overhead wires and trolleys;

the term “Lessee” includes a person

holding an agreement for a lease;

the term “Occupier” applies only to rate-

payers, and to other persons not being

ratepayers, whose interest in the pre-

misses occupied is not less than that of

a quarterly tenant;

the

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the term "*London*," except where the City of *London* is expressly mentioned, means the administrative County of *London* ;
the term "Mechanical Power" includes steam, electrical, and every other motive power not being animal power ;

Other expressions defined in The Interpretation Act, 1889, have the same meanings in these Orders as if these Orders were an Act of Parliament passed after the commencement of that Act.]

Compliance with the following Standing Orders shall be proved before one of the Examiners; viz.—

1. *Notices by Advertisement.*

Particulars
specified in
Notice.

3. In all cases where Application is intended to be made for leave to bring in a Bill relating to any of the subjects included in either of the Two Classes of Private Bills, Notice shall be given stating the objects of such intended application, and the time at which copies of the Bill will be deposited in the Private Bill Office; and if it be intended to apply for powers for the compulsory purchase of Lands or Houses, or compulsory user of the same, or for extending the time granted by any former Act for that purpose, or to amalgamate with any other Company, or to sell or lease the Undertaking, or to purchase or take on lease the Undertaking of any other Company, or to enter into working agreements or traffic arrangements, or to dissolve
any

any Company, or to amend or repeal any former Act or Acts, or to levy any Tolls, Rates or Duties, or to alter any existing Tolls, Rates or Duties, or to confer, vary or extinguish any exemptions from payment of Tolls, Rates or Duties, or to confer, vary, or extinguish any other rights or privileges, or to impose on any lands or houses, or to render any lands or houses liable to the imposition of, any charge in respect of any improvement, the Notice shall specify such intention, and shall also specify the Company, person, or persons with, to, from, or by whom it is intended to be proposed that such amalgamation, sale, purchase, lease, working agreements, or traffic arrangements shall be made; and the whole of the Notice relating to the same Bill shall, except as provided by Standing Order 9, be included in the same Advertisement, which shall be headed by a short title, descriptive of the Undertaking or Bill, and shall be subscribed with the name and address of the person, Company, Corporation, or firm responsible for the publication of the Notice.

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4. In cases of Bills included in the Second Class, and of Bills of the First Class, in respect to which Plans are required to be deposited, such Notices shall also contain a description of all the Termini, together with the Names of the Parishes, Townlands and extra-parochial places from, in, through, or into which the work

*Further
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in case of
Second
Class and
certain
First Class
Bills.*

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work is intended to be made, maintained, varied, extended or enlarged, or in which any land or houses intended to be taken are situate, and where any common or commonable land is intended to be taken, or used compulsorily, such Notice shall contain the name of such common or commonable land (if any), and the name of any parish in which such land is situate, together with an estimate of the quantity of such common or commonable land proposed to be taken or used compulsorily, and shall state the time and place of deposit of the Plans, Sections, Books of Reference and Copies of the Gazette Notice respectively, with the Clerks of the Peace and Sheriff Clerks, and also with the officers respectively mentioned in Standing Order 29, as the case may be.

Particulars
in Notices
for Burial
Ground,
Gas Works,
&c. Bills.

5. In cases of Bills for constructing Gas Works, or Sewage Works, or Works for the Manufacture or Conversion of the Residual Products of Gas or Sewage, or for making or constructing a Sewage Farm, Cemetery, Burial Ground, Crematorium, Destructor, Hospital for Infectious Disease, or Station for Generating Electrical energy, the Notices shall set forth and specify the Lands in or upon which such Gas Works, Sewage Works, Works for the Manufacture or Conversion of Residual Products, Farm, Cemetery, Burial Ground, Crematorium, Destructor, Hospital, or Generating Station is intended to be made or constructed.

6. In cases of Bills for laying down a Tramway, the Notice shall specify at what point or points, and on which side of the Street or Road it is proposed to lay such Tramway, so that for a distance of Thirty feet or upwards a less space than Nine feet Six inches, or if it is intended to run thereon carriages or trucks adapted for use upon Railways, a less space than Ten feet Six inches shall intervene between the outside of the footpath on the side of the Street or Road and the nearest rail of the Tramway ; in the case of a Bill for constructing a Tramroad or Tramway, the Notice shall specify the gauge to be adopted and the motive power to be employed.

Standing Orders, compliance with which is to be proved before Examiners.

Notices in case of Tramway Bills.

7. In all cases where it is proposed to divert into any existing or intended Cut, Canal, Reservoir, Aqueduct or Navigation, or into any intended variation, extension or enlargement thereof respectively, any Water from any existing Cut, Canal, Reservoir, Aqueduct or Navigation, whether the water is to be abstracted directly or indirectly from any such Cut, Canal, Reservoir, Aqueduct or Navigation, or from any feeder thereof, and whether under any agreement with the Proprietors thereof or otherwise, the Notices shall contain the name of every such last-mentioned Cut, Canal, Reservoir, Aqueduct or Navigation.

Notices in case of Canal, &c. Bills.

8. In cases of Bills relating to Letters Patent, each Notice shall have prefixed to it in Capital

Notices in case of Letters Patent Bills

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Capital Letters the name by which the Invention is usually distinguished, and shall contain a distinct description of the Invention for which such Letters Patent have been obtained, and also an account of the Term of their Duration.

*Additional
Notice in
case of
Letters
Patent Bill.*

8a. In addition to the ordinary Notices, Notice of the intention to apply to Parliament for a Bill relating to Letters Patent shall be published twice in the Official Journal of the Patent Office, before the introduction of the Bill in this House.

*Publication
of Notices
in Gazettes
and News-
papers.*

9. In the months of *October* and *November*, or either of them, immediately preceding the Application for a Bill, the Notice shall be published once in the *London, Edinburgh, or Dublin Gazette*, as the case may be, and in the following Newspapers, namely :—

(1.) In the case of a Bill relating specially to any particular city, borough, town, or urban rural district, the Notice shall be published once in each of two successive weeks, with an interval between such publications of not less than six clear days in some Newspaper or Newspapers published in such city, borough, town, or district, or if there be no newspaper published therein, then in some Newspaper or Newspapers published in the county in which such city, borough, town, or district, or any part thereof, is situate ;

(2.) In

(2.) In the case of a Bill authorising the construction of works or the taking or compulsory user of lands, or extending the time granted by a former Act for the construction of works or taking or compulsory user of lands, situate in one county only, or relating to an undertaking or to lands situate in one county only, or promoted by a Company or Companies, or other parties possessed of an undertaking situate in one county only, the Notice shall be published once in each of two successive weeks, with an interval between such publications of not less than six clear days, in some Newspaper or Newspapers published in that county, or if there be no Newspaper published therein, then in some Newspaper or Newspapers published in some county adjoining or near thereto ;

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(3.) In the case of a Bill authorizing the construction of works or the taking or compulsory user of lands, or extending the time granted by a former Act for the construction of works or the taking or compulsory user of lands, in more than one county, or relating to an undertaking or to lands situate in more than one county, or promoted by a Company or Companies or other parties possessed of an undertaking situate in more than one county, the Notice shall be published once in each of two successive weeks, with an interval between such

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such publications of not less than six clear days, in some Newspaper or Newspapers of the county in which the principal office of the Company or Companies or other parties who are the promoters of the Bill is situate, and in some Newspaper or Newspapers published in each county in which any new works are proposed to be constructed, or in which any lands are intended to be taken or compulsorily used, or in which any works or lands are situate, in respect of which any new or further powers for the completion or taking or compulsory user thereof are intended to be applied for, or if there be no Newspaper published therein, then in some Newspaper or Newspapers published in some county adjoining or near thereto: Provided always, That if the Bill relates to lands or works situate in more than one county, it shall be sufficient (at the option of the promoters) to publish in each of such counties so much only of the Notice as relates specifically to the lands or works situate in that county, together with the short title of the Notice and an intimation that the Notice has been published in full or sent for publication in full in the *Gazette*;

(4.) No publication under this Order shall be made after the 27th day of November.

Posting of
Notices in
case of
Tramway
or Under-
ground Rail-
way Bill.

10. In the months of *October* and *November*, or one of them, immediately preceding the Application for any Bill for laying down a Tramway

Tramway, or constructing an underground Railway, when such Bill contains powers authorising any alteration or disturbance of the surface of any Street or Road, Notice thereof shall be posted for Fourteen consecutive Days in every such Street or Road in such manner as the authority having the control of such Street or Road shall direct, and if after such Application to such authority no such direction shall be given, then in some conspicuous position in every such Street or Road, and such Notice shall also state the place or places at which the Plans of such Tramway or Railway will be deposited.

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Examiners.*

This Order shall apply to a trolley vehicle system in like manner as to a tramway, except that part of it which refers to plans deposited.

2. *Notices and Applications to Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers of Lands and Houses.*

11. On or before the *Fifteenth* day of *December* immediately preceding the Application for a Bill for power to take any Lands or Houses compulsorily or for compulsory user of the same, or for an extension of the time granted by any former Act for that purpose, or to impose an improvement charge on any Lands or Houses, or to render any Lands or Houses liable to the imposition of an improvement charge, application in writing shall be made to the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers of all such Lands and Houses, inquiring

*Application
to Owners
&c. on or
before 15th
December.*

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whether they assent, dissent, or are neuter in respect of such application ; and in cases of Bills included in the second class, such application shall be; as nearly as may be, in the form set forth in the Appendix marked (A.).

Lists of
Owners, &c.
assenting,
dissenting,
and neuter.

12. Separate Lists shall be made of the Names of such Owners, Lessees and Occupiers, distinguishing those who have assented, dissented, or are neuter in respect to such application, or who have returned no answer thereto ; and where no written acknowledgment has been returned to an application forwarded by post, or where such application has been returned as undelivered at any time before the making up of such list, the direction of the letter in which the same was so forwarded shall be inserted therein.

Notice to
Frontagers
in case of
Tramways.

13. On or before the *Fifteenth* day of *December* immediately preceding the Application for a Bill for the laying down a Tramway, Notice in writing shall be given to the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees, or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers of all houses, shops, or warehouses abutting upon any part of any street or road where, for a distance of Thirty feet or upwards, it is proposed that a less space than Nine feet Six inches shall intervene between the outside of the footpath on either side of the road and the nearest rail of the Tramway or a less space than Ten feet Six inches, if it is intended to run on the Tramway carriages or trucks adapted for use upon Railways.

13a. On or before the *Fifteenth* day of *December* immediately preceding the Application for any Bill for laying down a Tramway crossing any Railway or Tramway on the level, or crossing any Railway, Tramway, or Canal by means of a Bridge, or otherwise affecting or interfering with such Railway, Tramway, or Canal, Notice in writing of such application shall be served upon the Owner or reputed Owner, and upon the Lessee or reputed Lessee of such Railway, Tramway, or Canal, and such Notice shall state the place or places at which the plans of the Tramway to be authorized by such Bill have been or will be deposited.

Standing Orders, compliance with which is to be proved before Examiners.

Notice to Owners and Lessees of Railways, Tramways, or Canals, crossed, affected, or interfered with by proposed Tramway.

This Order shall apply to trolley vehicle systems in like manner as to tramways, except that part of it which refers to plans deposited.

14. On or before the *Fifteenth* day of *December* immediately preceding the Application for a Bill, whereby it is proposed to abstract Water from any Stream for the purpose of supplying any Cut, Canal, Reservoir, Aqueduct, Navigation, or Waterwork, Notice in writing of such Bill shall be given to the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers of all Mills and Manufactories or other Works using the Waters of such Stream for a distance of Twenty miles below the point at which such Water is intended to be abstracted, such distance to be measured along the course of such Stream, unless such Waters shall, within a less distance than Twenty miles, fall into or unite with any navigable Stream, and then only to the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers of such Mills and

Notices when it is proposed Abstract Water from any Stream.

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Manufactories, or other works as aforesaid, which shall be situate between the point at which such Water is proposed to be abstracted, and the point at which such Water shall fall into or unite with such navigable Stream ; and such Notice shall state the name (if any) by which the Stream is known at the point at which such Water shall be immediately abstracted, and also the Parish in which such point is situate, and the time and place of deposit of Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference and Copies of the Gazette Notice respectively with the Clerks of the Peace and Sheriff Clerks, as the case may be.

Notice to
Owners and
Occupiers of
Houses in
case of
Burial
Grounds,
Gas Works,
&c. Bills.

15. On or before the *Fifteenth* day of *December* immediately preceding the Application for a Bill for constructing Gas Works or Sewage Works, or Works for the Manufacture or Conversion of the Residual Products of Gas or Sewage, or for constructing any station for generating Electrical Energy, or for making or constructing a Sewage Farm, Cemetery, Burial Ground, Crematorium, Destructor, or Hospital for Infectious Disease, Notice shall be served upon the Owner, Lessee and Occupier of every Dwelling House situated within 300 Yards of the lands in or upon which such Gas Works, Sewage Works, Works for the Manufacture of Residual Products, Generating Station, Farm, Cemetery, Burial Ground, Crematorium, Destructor, or Hospital may be made or constructed.

Notice to
Owners, &c.
in case of

16. On or before the *Fifteenth* day of *December* immediately preceding the Application for a Bill whereby the whole or any part

of a Work authorised by any former Act is intended to be relinquished, Notice in writing of such Bill shall be served upon the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers of the Lands in which any part of the said Work intended to be thereby relinquished is situate.

Standing Orders, compliance with which is to be proved before Examiners.

Relinquishment of Works.

17. On or before the *Twenty-first* day of *December* immediately preceding the Application for a Bill, whereby any express statutory provision then in force for the protection of the Owner, Lessee, or Occupier of any Property, or for the protection or benefit of any public Trustees or Commissioners, Corporation or Person, specifically named in such provision, is sought to be altered, or repealed, Notice in writing of such Bill, and of the intention to alter or repeal such provision, shall be served upon every such Owner, Lessee, or Occupier, public Trustees or Commissioners, Corporation or Person.

Notice to Owners, &c. in cases of Alteration or Repeal of Provisions.

17a. On or before the *Twenty-first* day of *December*, immediately preceding the Application for a Bill whereby any express statutory provision relating to nuisance arising on any lands is sought to be altered or repealed, Notice in writing of such Bill, and of the intention to alter or repeal such provision, shall be served upon the Owner and Lessee of every Dwelling-house situate within three hundred yards of the said lands.

Notice to Owners, &c. in cases of Alteration or Repeal of Provisions relating to Nuisance.

18. On or before the *Twenty-first* day of *December* immediately preceding the Application for a Bill whereby any compulsory running

Notice in case of Application for Compulsory

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powers are proposed to be taken over any railway, Notice in writing of such Bill, and of the intention to apply for such running powers, shall be served upon every Company owning or working such railway.

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and serving
Notice.*

19. All Applications shall be made, and Notices served, either by delivering the same personally to the party entitled to such Application or Notice, or by leaving the same at his usual place of abode, or, in his absence from the United Kingdom, with his agent, or by forwarding the same by post in a registered letter, addressed with a sufficient direction to his usual place of abode, and posted on or before the third day previously to the day required for delivery of the same personally, at such places, at such hours, and according to such regulations as the Postmaster-General shall from time to time appoint for the posting and registration of such letters, and shall be accompanied by a copy of the Standing Orders which regulate the time and mode of presenting Petitions in opposition to Bills.

*Evidence of
Application
and Notice.*

20. In all cases the written acknowledgment of the party applied to shall, in the absence of other proof, be sufficient evidence of such Application having been made, or Notice given; and in case of an application or notice having been forwarded by a registered letter, the production of the Post Office receipt for such letter shall be sufficient evidence of the due delivery of such letter: Provided it shall appear that the same was properly and sufficiently directed, and that

the same was not returned by the Post Office as undelivered.

21. No Notice served or Application made on Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or Easter Monday, or before Eight o'clock in the forenoon, or after Eight o'clock in the afternoon of any day, shall be deemed valid, except in the case of delivery of letters by post.

Standing Orders, compliance with which is to be proved before Examiners.

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Notices not to be given on Sunday, &c.

22. In cases of Bills to authorise the laying down of a Tramway, the promoters shall obtain the consent of the local authority of the district or districts through which it is proposed to construct such Tramway, and where in any district there is a road authority distinct from the local authority, the consent of such road authority shall also be necessary in any case where power is sought to break up any road, subject to the jurisdiction of such road authority. For the purposes of this Order, in *England* and *Scotland*, the local and road authorities shall be the local and road authorities for the purposes of "The Tramways Act, 1870," except that in the case of a rural district in *England* the rural district council shall be deemed to be the local authority, and in *Ireland* the local and road authorities shall be the district councils and the county councils respectively. Provided that where it is proposed to lay down a continuous line of Tramway in two or more districts, and any local or road authority having jurisdiction in any such districts does not consent thereto, the consents of the local and road authority, or

Consents in case of Tramways Bill.

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the local and road authorities having jurisdiction over Two-thirds of the length of such proposed line of Tramway, shall be deemed to be sufficient.

3. *Documents required to be deposited, and the Times and Places of Deposit.*

Deposit not
to be made
on Sunday,
&c.

23. No Deposit required by the following Orders shall be deemed valid if made on Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or Easter Monday, or before Eight o'clock in the forenoon, or after Eight o'clock in the afternoon of any day.

Deposit of
Plans, Books
of Refer-
ence, and
Sections
with Clerk
of the Peace,
&c.

24. In cases of Bills of the Second Class, a Plan and also a Duplicate thereof, together with a Book of Reference thereto, and a Section and also a Duplicate thereof, as herein-after described, and in cases of Bills of the First Class, under the powers of which any lands or houses may be taken or used compulsorily, and in the case of all Bills by which any charge is imposed upon any lands or houses, or any lands or houses are rendered liable to have a charge imposed upon them in respect of any improvement, a Plan and Duplicate thereof, together with a Book of Reference thereto, shall be deposited for public inspection at the office of the Clerk of the Peace for every County, Riding, or Division in *England* or *Ireland*, or in the office of the Principal Sheriff Clerk of every County in *Scotland*, and where any County in *Scotland* is divided into districts or divisions, then also in the office of the Principal Sheriff Clerk, in

or for each district or division, in or through which the Work is proposed to be made, maintained, varied, extended or enlarged, or in which such lands or houses are situate, on or before the 30th day of *November* immediately preceding the Application for the Bill ; and in the case of Railway Bills, the Ordnance Map on the scale of one inch to a mile, with the line of railway delineated thereon, so as to show its general course and direction, shall be deposited with such Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference ; and the Clerks of the Peace or Sheriff Clerks, or their respective Deputies, shall make a Memorial in writing upon the Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference so deposited with them, denoting the time at which the same were lodged in their respective offices, and shall at all seasonable hours of the day permit any person to view and examine one of the same, and to make copies or extracts therefrom ; and *one* of the two Plans and Sections so deposited shall be sealed up and retained in the possession of the Clerk of the Peace or Sheriff Clerk until called for by order of one of the Two Houses of Parliament. In cases of Bills whereby it is proposed to alter or extend the Municipal Boundary of any City, Borough, or Urban District, a Map on a scale of not less than three inches to a mile, and also a Duplicate thereof, showing as well the present Boundaries of the City, Borough, or Urban District as the Boundaries of the proposed Extension, shall be deposited with the Town Clerk of such

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such City or Borough, or Clerk of such Urban District, who shall at all seasonable hours of the day permit any person to view and examine such Map, and to make copies thereof; and a copy of the said Map, with the said Boundaries delineated thereon, shall also be deposited at the Office of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Deposit of
Plans, &c. in
Private Bill
Office.

25. On or before the 30th day of *November*, a copy of the said Plans, Sections and Books of Reference, and in the case of Railway Bills, also a copy of the Ordnance Map, with the line of Railway delineated thereon, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office of this House.

Deposit of
Tramway
Map with
Board of
Trade.

25*a*. In the case of Bills for laying down a Tramway or trolley vehicle system, an Ordnance Map of the district on a scale of not less than six inches to a mile, with the line of the proposed Tramway or trolley vehicle system marked thereon, and a Diagram on a scale of not less than two inches to a mile, prepared in accordance with the specimen to be obtained at the Office of the Board of Trade, must also be deposited at that Office, and in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, on or before the 30th *November*.

Deposit of
Map in case
of Bills for
supply of
Electrical
Energy.

25*b*. In cases of Bills for the supply of electrical energy, an Ordnance Map on a scale of not less than one inch to the mile, with the proposed area of supply marked thereon, shall be deposited at the Office of the Board of Trade on or before the 30th day of *November*.

26. In cases where Tidal Lands within the ordinary spring tides are to be acquired, or in any way affected, a copy of the Plans and Sections shall, on or before the 30th day of *November* immediately preceding the Application for the Bill, be deposited at the Office of the Harbour Department, Board of Trade, marked "TIDAL WATERS," and on such copy all Tidal Waters shall be coloured blue, and if the Plans include any bridge across Tidal Waters, the dimensions as regards span and headway of the nearest bridges, if any, across the same Tidal Waters above and below the proposed new bridge shall be marked thereon; and in all such cases, such Plans and Sections shall be accompanied by an Ordnance Map of the country over which the works are proposed to extend, or are to be carried, with their position and extent, or route accurately laid down thereon.

Standing Orders, compliance with which is to be proved before Examiners.

Deposit in case of Bill affecting Tidal Lands.

26a. Where, under the powers of any Bill, it is proposed to make, extend or enlarge any dam, weir, or obstruction to the passage of fish in any river or estuary in England or Wales, or any sewer discharging into any such river or estuary, a copy of so much of the plans and sections as relates to the proposed dam, weir, obstruction, or sewer shall, on or before the thirtieth day of November immediately preceding the application for the Bill, be deposited at the office of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries and at the office of any fishery board having jurisdiction over the river or estuary.

Deposit in case of Bills affecting fisheries in England and Wales.

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Deposit in
case of Bill
affecting
banks, &c.
of river.

26*b*. In cases where any work proposed to be authorised is to be situate on the banks, foreshore, or bed of any river, a copy of so much of the Plans and Sections as relates to the portion of the work by which the banks, foreshore, or river-bed may be affected, shall, on or before the 30th day of *November* immediately preceding the Application for the Bill, be deposited—

(1) if the river is in Scotland, at the Office of the Secretary for Scotland ;

(2) if the river is in Ireland, at the Irish Office, Westminster, and at the Office of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Dublin ;

(3) if there be a Board of Conservators constituted for the conservancy of the river, at the Office also of such Board ;

and if the Plans include any tunnel under or bridge over the river, the dimensions as regards depth below bed of the river, and span and headway, shall be marked thereon ; and such Plans shall be accompanied by an Ordnance Map of the country over which the works are proposed to extend or are to be carried, with their position and extent or route accurately laid down thereon.

Deposit of
Plans, &c.
with Board
of Trade.

27. In the case of Railway, Tramway, and Canal Bills, a copy of all Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference, required to be deposited in the Office of any Clerk of the Peace or Sheriff

Sheriff Clerk, on or before the 30th day of *November* immediately preceding the Application for the Bill (and in the case of Railway Bills also a copy of the Ordnance Map, with the line of railway delineated thereon), shall on or before the same day be deposited in the Office of the Board of Trade.

Standing Orders, compliance with which is to be proved before Examiners.

28. Where the work or any part thereof will be situate in London, or where powers are sought to take or use any lands compulsorily in London, a copy of so much of the Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference as relates to London shall, on or before the 30th day of *November*, be deposited at the Office of the London County Council.

Deposit of Plans and Sections with London County Council.

29. Where, under the powers of any Bill, any work is intended to be made, maintained, varied, extended, or enlarged, or any lands or houses may be taken or used compulsorily, or an improvement charge may be imposed, a copy of so much of the said Plans and Sections as relates to any of the areas herein-after mentioned, together with a copy of so much of the Book of Reference as relates to such area, shall, on or before the 30th day of *November*, be deposited with the Officer respectively herein-after mentioned, that is to say, in the case of—

Deposit in certain case with certain Local Authorities.

- (a) The City of London, or any borough in *England* or *Wales*, whether Metropolitan or other, with the Town Clerk of such city or borough ;

(b) Any

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- (b) Any urban district in *England* or *Wales*, not being a borough, or any Rural District, with the Clerk of the District Council;
- (c) Any parish in *England* or *Wales* having a Parish Council, with the Clerk of the Parish Council, or, if there is no Clerk, with the Chairman of that Council;
- (d) Any parish in *England* or *Wales* comprised in a rural district, and not having a Parish Council, with the Chairman of the Parish Meeting;
- (e) Any burgh in *Scotland*, with the Town Clerk or Clerk;
- (f) Any parish in *Scotland*, outside a burgh, with the Clerk of the Parish Council;
- (g) Any urban or rural district in *Ireland*, with the Clerk of the District Council.

Deposit of
Plans in
certain
cases with
Home Office
and Board
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Fisheries.

30. Where by any Bill power is sought to take any churchyard, burial ground, or cemetery, or any part thereof, or to disturb the bodies interred therein, or where power is sought to take any common or commonable land, as the case may be, a copy of so much of the Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference required by these Orders to be deposited in the Private Bill Office in respect of such Bill as relates to such

such churchyard, burial ground or cemetery, common or commonable land, shall, on or before the *Thirtieth* day of *November*, be deposited at the Office of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, and a copy of so much of the said Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference as relates to such common or commonable land shall, on or before the said day, be deposited at the Office of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Standing Orders, compliance with which is to be proved before Examiners.

31. Wherever any Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference, or parts thereof, are required to be deposited, a copy of the Notice published in the *Gazette* of the intended application to Parliament shall be deposited therewith.

Gazette Notice to be deposited with Plans, &c.

32. Every Petition for a Private Bill, headed by a short Title descriptive of the Undertaking or Bill, corresponding with that at the head of the Advertisement, with a Declaration, signed by the Agent, and a printed copy of the Bill annexed, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office on or before the *Seventeenth* day of *December*; and such Petition, Bill and Declaration shall be open to the inspection of all parties; and printed copies of the Bill shall also be delivered therewith for the use of any Member of the House or Agent who may apply for the same. Such Declaration shall state to which of the two classes of Bills such Bill, in the judgment of the Agent, belongs; and if the proposed Bill shall

Petition for Bill, &c.. to be deposited in Private Bill Office.

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shall give power to effect any of the following objects ; that is to say :—

Power to take any lands or houses compulsorily, or to extend the time granted by any former Act for that purpose :

Power to levy tolls, rates or duties, or to alter any existing tolls, rates or duties ; or to confer, vary or extinguish any exemption from payment of tolls, rates or duties, or to confer, vary or extinguish any other right or privilege :

Power to amalgamate with any other Company, or to sell or lease their undertaking, or to purchase or take on lease the undertaking of any other Company :

Power to interfere with any Crown, Church or Corporation property, or property held in trust for public or charitable purposes :

Power to relinquish any part of a work authorised by a former Act :

Power to divert into any existing or intended cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct or navigation, or into any intended variation, extension or enlargement thereof respectively, any water from any existing cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct or navigation, whether directly or derivatively, and whether under any agreement with the proprietors thereof, or otherwise :

Power to make, vary, extend or enlarge any cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct or navigation :

Power to make, vary, extend or enlarge any railway.

The said Declaration shall state which of such powers are given by the Bill, and shall indicate

indicate in which clauses of the Bill (referring to them by their number) such powers are given, and shall further state that the Bill does not give power to effect any of the objects enumerated in this Order, other than those stated in the Declaration.

Standing Orders, compliance with which is to be proved before Examiners.

If the proposed Bill shall not give power to effect any of the objects enumerated in the preceding Order, the said Declaration shall state that the Bill does not give power to effect any of such objects.

The said Declaration shall also state that the Bill does not give any powers other than those included in the Notices for the Bill.

33. On or before the 18th day of *December*, a printed copy shall be deposited—

Deposit of Private Bills at Treasury and other Public Departments.

(1.) Of every Private Bill, at the Office of His Majesty's Treasury, and at the General Post Office;

(2.) Of every Private Bill relating to England and Wales, at the Office of the Secretary of State for the Home Department and at the Local Government Board;

(3.) Of every Local Bill relating to *Scotland* or *Ireland*, at the Office of the Secretary for Scotland or the Irish Office, as the case may be;

(4.) Of every Bill relating to railways, tramways, trolley vehicles, canals, gas, water, patents, or electric lighting, or for incorporating or giving powers to any Company, at the Office of the Board of Trade;

(5.) Of

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(5.) Of every Bill relating to the generation of electricity for supply to persons or bodies other than the promoters, at the office of the Board of Trade and at the office of the Commissioners of Works;

(6.) Of every Bill affecting foreshore or tidal lands within the ordinary spring tides, or relating to any dock, harbour, navigation, pier, port, or tidal waters, at the Office of the Harbour Department of the Board of Trade, marked "Tidal Waters";

(7.) Of every Bill whereby it is proposed to authorise in England or Wales the making, extending, or enlarging of any dam, weir, or obstruction to the passage of fish in any river or estuary, or of any sewer discharging into any such river or estuary, or the abstraction of water from any river, at the office of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries and at the office of any fishery board having jurisdiction over the river or estuary.

(8.) Of every Bill containing provisions with respect to the use of weights and measures, or the inspection or verification of the same, at the Standards Department of the Board of Trade;

(9.) Of every Bill relating to any company, body, or person carrying on business in any colony or British possession, at the Office of the Secretary of State for the Colonies;

(10.) Of every Bill which proposes to alter the boundary of the area of any county,
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urban district, parish, or any other administrative area, or which relates to any matter to which the Births and Deaths Registration Acts, 1836 to 1901, and any Act amending the same, relate, at the General Register Office, Somerset House ;

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(11.) Of every private Bill relating to England and Wales which in any manner affects education or educational endowments, or alters the boundary of any county, borough, or urban district, or affects the incidence of any local rate out of which any educational expenditure is payable, at the Office of the Board of Education ;

(12.) Of every Bill affecting Crown property, at the Office of the Commissioners of Woods, and if the property is in England or Scotland, at the Office of the Commissioners of Works, or, if the property is in Ireland, at the Office of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland ;

(13.) Of every Bill affecting charities or charitable trusts, at the Office of the Charity Commission and at the Office of the Board of Education ;

(14.) Of every Bill affecting the Duchy of Cornwall or the Duchy of Lancaster, at the Office of such Duchy respectively ;

(15.) Of every Local Bill which relates to the drainage of land in England or

Wales

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Wales, or which relates to the improvement of land in England, Wales, or Scotland, or to the erection, improvement, repair, maintenance, or regulation of any market or market place at which cattle are exposed for sale, or to any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, or which proposes to alter the boundary of any county, urban or rural district, parish, or any other administrative area in the United Kingdom, or whereby power is sought to take any common or commonable land, at the Office of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Deposit of
Bills with
the London
County
Council.

34. On or before the 18th day of *December*, a printed copy of every Bill of the Second Class which proposes to authorize any work in London, shall be deposited at the Office of the London County Council.

Deposit
of Bills
with Road
Authorities.

34a. On or before the 18th day of *December* a printed copy of every Bill of the First Class which proposes to authorize any persons other than the Road Authority to break up or otherwise interfere with any streets or roads shall be deposited at the Office of the Road Authority.

Deposit of
Estimates,
&c., in
Private Bill
Office.

35. All Estimates and Declarations, and Lists of Owners Lessees and Occupiers, which are required by the Standing Orders of this House, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office on or before the 31st day of *December*.

35a. As

35a. As respects all Bills for the incorporation of Joint Stock Companies, or proposed Companies for carrying on any trade or business, or for conferring upon such Companies the power of suing and being sued, there shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, on or before 31st *December*, a copy of the Deed or Agreement of Partnership (if any) under which the Company or proposed Company is acting, and in all cases other than those of Companies registered under "The Companies Act, 1862," or "The Companies Consolidation Act, 1908," a Declaration stating the following matters :—

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Documents to be deposited in Private Bill Office in regard to Joint Stock Companies Bills.

1st.—The present and proposed amount of the Capital of the Company.

2nd.—The number of Shares, and the amount of each Share.

3rd.—The number of Shares subscribed for.

4th.—The amount of Subscriptions paid up.

5th.—The names, residences, and descriptions of the Shareholders or Subscribers (so far as the same can be made out), and of the actual or provisional Directors, Treasurers, Secretaries or other officer, if any.

And such documents shall be verified by the signature of some authorized officer of the Company or proposed Company (if any), and by some responsible party promoting the Bill; and copies of such Declarations shall be printed at the expense of the Promoters of the Bill, and delivered at the Vote Office for the use of the

Standing Orders, compliance with which is to be proved before Examiners.

Copies of Estimate and Declaration to be printed, and delivered at Private Bill Office.

Members of The House, and at the Private Bill Office for the use of any Agent who may apply for the same.

36. On or before 31st *December*, copies of the Estimate of Expense of the Undertaking ; and where a Declaration alone, or Declaration and Estimate of the probable amount of Rates and Duties, are required, copies of such Declaration, or of such Declaration and Estimate, shall be printed at the expense of the Promoters of the Bill, and delivered at the Vote Office for the use of the Members of The House, and at the Private Bill Office for the use of any Agent who may apply for the same.

Estimate of expenditure in case of works to be executed by local authority.

36*a*. On or before the 31st day of *December* copies of the Estimates of Expenditure for any permanent works proposed to be executed by any municipal corporation, district council, joint board or joint committee, or other local authority in England or Wales, shall be deposited at the Private Bill Office, and at the Office of the Board of Trade or of the Local Government Board, as the case may require.

The Estimates shall be in the following form, or as near thereto as circumstances may permit :—

Estimate for Permanent Works.

£ s. d.

Purchase of land and easements
Buildings (specifying generally
their nature) - - -

Reservoir

	£	s.	d.	<i>Standing Orders, compliance with which is to be proved before Examiners</i>
Reservoirs, filter beds, &c.	-			
Tunnels, embankments, dams, &c.	-	-	-	
Trunk mains and main sewers	-			
Other mains, pipes, sewers, and sewage disposal works	-			
Other works grouped with re- gard to the probable life of the works	-	-	-	

If any moneys are required to be borrowed to meet any excess of expenditure previously authorised by Parliament, the Board of Trade, or the Local Government Board, there shall be deposited with the said estimates a statement of the purposes and reasons for the borrowing.

Together with the said estimates there shall be deposited a statement showing the following particulars with respect to the district of the local authority, that is to say: (a) area of the district; (b) population according to the last census; (c) rateable and assessable value according to the last valuation list; (d) rates made in the district during the last preceding financial year; (e) the sum of the balances of outstanding loans contracted by the local authority; and (f) the amount of the outstanding loans to which the limitation of section two hundred and thirty-four of the Public Health Act, 1875, applies.

37. The Estimate for any Works proposed to be authorized by any Railway, Tramway, ^{Form of Estimate.} Tramroad,

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Tramroad, Canal, Dock, or Harbour Bill, shall be in the following form, or as near thereto as circumstances may permit:—

ESTIMATE of the proposed

(Railway).

Length of Line	Miles. f. ch.	Whether Single or Double.	
Earthworks:			
Cuttings—Rock			
Soft Soil			
Roads			
TOTAL			
Embankments, including Roads - Cubic yards			
Bridges—Public Roads	Number		
Accommodation Bridges and Works			
Viaducts			
Culverts and drains			
Metallings of roads and level crossings			
Gatekeepers' houses at level crossings			
Permanent way, including fencing:			
Miles. fgs. chs.	Cost per Mile.		
at	£. s. d.		
Permanent way for sidings, and cost of junctions			
Stations			
Contingencies	per cent.		
Land and Buildings:			
A. R. P.			
TOTAL - - - £.			

The same details for each Branch, and General Summary of Total Cost.

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38. Where any Bill contains or revives or extends power to take compulsorily or by agreement any land in any local area as defined for the purposes of this Order, and such taking involves or may involve the taking in that area of any house or houses occupied either wholly or partially by thirty or more persons of the working class, whether as tenants or lodgers, the promoters shall deposit in the Private Bill Office, and at the Office of the Central Authority, on or before the 21st day of *December*, a statement giving the description and postal address of each of such houses, its number on the deposited Plans, the parish in which it is situate, and the number (so far as can be ascertained) of persons of the working class residing in it, and also a copy of so much of the deposited Plans (if any) as relates thereto.

Deposit of statement relating to working-class houses.

This Order shall not apply where a statement in pursuance of this Order was deposited in respect of the Act, the powers of which are proposed to be revived or extended.

For the purposes of this Order the expression "local area" means—

- (1) as respects London the Administrative County of London ;
- (2) as respects England and Wales (outside London), any borough, or other

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other urban district, and elsewhere than in a borough or other urban district, any parish ;

(3) as respects Scotland, any district within the meaning of The Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897 ; and

(4) as respects Ireland, any urban district ;

The expression “house” means any house or part of a house occupied as a separate dwelling :

The expression “working class” means mechanics, artisans, labourers, and others working for wages, hawkers, costermongers, persons not working for wages but working at some trade or handicraft without employing others except members of their own family, and persons, other than domestic servants, whose income in any case does not exceed an average of thirty shillings a week, and the families of any of such persons who may be residing with them :

The expression “central authority” means, as regards *England* and *Wales*, the Local Government Board, as regards *Scotland*, the Secretary for *Scotland*, and as regards *Ireland*, the Local Government Board for *Ireland* :

The expression “Bill” includes a Bill confirming a Provisional Order.

39. Whenever

39. Whenever Plans, Sections, Books of Reference, or Maps are deposited in the case of a Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, proposed to be made by any Public Department or County Council, duplicates of the said Documents shall also be deposited in the Private Bill Office; provided that with regard to such deposits as are so made at any Public Department or with any County Council, after the Prorogation of Parliament, and before the 30th day of *November* in any year, such duplicates shall be so deposited on or before the 30th day of *November*.

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Deposit of Plans, &c. in case of Provisional Orders in Private Bill Office.

4. *Plans, Books of Reference, Sections and Cross Sections.*

40. Every Plan required to be deposited shall be drawn to a scale of not less than *Four* inches to a Mile, and shall describe the lands which may be taken or used compulsorily, or on which an improvement charge may be imposed, or which are rendered liable to the imposition of an improvement charge, and in the case of Bills of the Second Class, shall also describe the line or situation of the whole of the work (no alternative line or work being in any case permitted), and the lands in or through which it is to be made, maintained, varied, extended, or enlarged, or through which any communication to or from the work may be made; and where it is the intention of the Promoters to apply for powers to make any lateral deviation from the line of the proposed

Description of Plans.

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proposed work, the limits of such deviation shall be defined upon the Plan, and all lands included within such limits shall be marked thereon; and unless the whole of such Plan shall be upon a scale of not less than a *quarter* of an *inch* to every 100 feet, an enlarged Plan shall be added of any building, yard, courtyard or land within the curtilage of any building, or of any ground cultivated as a garden, either in the line of the proposed work, or included within the limits of the said deviation, upon a scale of not less than a *quarter* of an *inch* to every 100 feet.

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41. In all cases where it is proposed to make, vary, extend or enlarge any cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct or navigation, the Plan shall describe the brooks and streams to be directly diverted into such intended cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct or navigation, or into any variation, extension or enlargement thereof respectively, for supplying the same with water.

Particulars
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Railways.

42. In all cases where it is proposed to make, vary, extend or enlarge any railway, the Plan shall exhibit thereon the distances in miles and furlongs, from one of the termini; and a memorandum of the radius of every curve not exceeding One Mile in length shall be noted on the Plan in furlongs and chains; and where tunnelling as a substitute for open cutting is intended, the same shall be marked by a dotted line on the Plan

Plan, and no work shall be shown as tunnelling, in the making of which it will be necessary to cut through or remove the surface soil.

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43. If it be intended to divert, widen or narrow any Public Carriage Road, Navigable River, Canal, or Railway, the course of such diversion, and the extent of such widening or narrowing, shall be marked upon the Plan; and, if it be intended to divert any public footpath, the course of such diversion shall be marked upon the Plan.

Division of Roads, &c., to be shown.

44. When a Railway is intended to form a junction with an existing or authorised line of Railway, the course of such existing or authorised line of Railway shall be shown on the deposited Plan for a distance of 800 yards on either side of the proposed junction, on the same scale as the scale of the General Plan.

In case of Junctions, course of existing Line to be shown.

45. In cases of Bills for laying down a Tramway, the Plans shall indicate whether it is proposed to lay such Tramway along the centre of any street, and if not along the centre, then on which side of, and at what distance from an imaginary line drawn along the centre of such street, and whether or not, and if so, at what point or points it is proposed to lay such Tramway, so that for a distance of thirty feet or upwards a less space than nine feet six inches, or if it is intended to run thereon carriages or trucks adapted for use upon railways, a less space than ten feet

Plans in the case of Street Tramway Bills.

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feet six inches shall intervene between the outside of the footpath on either side of the road, and the nearest rail of the Tramway.

All lengths shall be stated on the Plan and Section in miles, furlongs, chains, and decimals of a chain. The distances in miles and furlongs from one of the termini of each Tramway shall be marked on the Plan and Section. Each double portion of Tramway, whether a passing-place or otherwise, shall be indicated by a double line. The total length of the road upon which each Tramway is to be laid shall be stated (*i.e.*, the length of route of each Tramway).

The length of each double and single portion of such Tramway, and the total length of such double and single portions respectively, shall also be stated.

In the case of double lines (including passing-places), the distance between the centre lines of each line of Tramway shall be marked on the Plans. This distance must in all cases be sufficient to leave at least fifteen inches between the sides of the widest carriages and engines to be used on the Tramways when passing one another. The gradients of the road on which each Tramway is to be laid shall be marked on the section. Every crossing of a Railway, Tramway, River, or Canal, shall be shown, specifying, in the case of Railways and Tramways, whether they are crossed over, under, or on the level.

All tidal waters shall be coloured blue.

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All places where for a distance of thirty feet and upwards there will be a less space than nine feet six inches between the outside of the foot-path on either side of the road and the nearest rail of the Tramway shall be indicated by a thick dotted line on the Plans on the side or sides of the line of Tramway where such narrow places occur, as well as noted on the Plans, and the width of the road at those places should also be marked on the Plans.

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The preceding paragraph shall apply, in the case of a Tramroad, wherever it is carried along a street or road.

45a. In the case of Bills containing power to impose on any lands or houses, or to render any lands or houses liable to the imposition of any charge in respect of any improvement, the Plan shall define the improvement, and also the improvement area (being the limits within which the charge may be imposed).

Definition of improvement and improvement area.

46. The Book of Reference shall contain the names of the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees and Occupiers of all Lands and Houses which may be taken or used compulsorily, or upon which any improvement charge is imposed, or which are rendered liable to have an improvement charge imposed upon them, and shall describe such Lands and Houses respectively.

Contents of Book of Reference.

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Sections.

47. The Section shall be drawn to the same horizontal scale as the Plan, and to a vertical scale of not less than *one inch* to every 100 feet, and shall show the surface of the ground marked on the Plan, the intended level of the proposed Work, the height of every embankment, and the depth of every cutting, and a datum horizontal line, which shall be the same throughout the whole length of the Work, or any branch thereof respectively, and shall be referred to some fixed point (stated in writing on the Section), near some portion of such Work, and in the case of a Canal, Cut, Navigation, Public Carriage Road or Railway, near either of the termini. The distance of such fixed point above or below an Ordnance bench mark in the locality of the proposed Works, and near one of the termini, and the height of such bench mark above Ordnance datum shall also be stated.

Improve-
ment &c. of
Navigations.

48. In cases of Bills for improving the Navigation of any River, there shall be a Section which shall specify the levels of both banks of such River; and where any alteration is intended to be made therein, it shall describe the same by feet and inches, or decimal parts of a foot.

Line of Rail-
way.

49. In every Section of a Railway, the line of the Railway marked thereon shall correspond with the upper surface of the Rails.

50. Distances

50. Distances on the datum line shall be marked in miles and furlongs to correspond with those on the Plan; a vertical measure from the datum line to the line of the Railway shall be marked in feet and inches, or decimal parts of a foot, at the commencement and termination of the Railway, and at each change of the gradient or inclination thereof; and the proportion or rate of inclination between every two consecutive vertical measures shall also be marked.

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Distances and vertical measures.

51. Wherever the line of the Railway is intended to cross any public carriage-road, navigable river, canal, or railway, the height of the Railway over or depth under the surface thereof, and the height and span of every arch of all bridges and viaducts, by which the Railway will be carried over the same, shall be marked in figures at every crossing thereof; and where the Railway will be carried across any such public carriage road or railway, on the level thereof, such crossing shall be so described on the Section; and it shall also be stated if such level will be unaltered.

Bridges and Level Crossings.

52. If any alteration be intended in the water level of any canal, or in the level or rate of inclination of any public carriage-road or railway which will be crossed by the line of Railway, then the same shall be stated on the Section, and each alteration shall be numbered and Cross Sections, in reference to the numbers,

Cross Sections of Roads, &c.

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on a horizontal scale of not less than one inch to every 330 feet, and on a vertical scale of not less than one inch to every 40 feet, shall be added, which shall show the present surface of such road, canal, or railway, and the intended surface thereof when altered; and the greatest of the present and intended rates of inclination of the portion of such road or railway intended to be altered shall also be marked in figures thereon; and where any public carriage-road is crossed on the level, a Cross Section of such road shall also be added, and all such Cross Sections shall extend for 200 yards on each side of the centre line of the Railway.

Embank-
ments and
Cuttings.

53. Wherever the extreme height of any Embankment, or the extreme depth of any Cutting shall exceed Five Feet, the extreme height over or depth under the surface of the ground shall be marked in figures upon the Section; and if any bridge or viaduct of more than three arches shall intervene in any Embankment, or if any tunnel shall intervene in any Cutting, the extreme height or depth shall be marked in figures on each of the parts into which such Embankment or Cutting shall be divided by such bridge, viaduct, or tunnel.

Tunnelling
and Via-
ducts.

54. Where tunnelling, as a substitute for open cutting, or a viaduct as a substitute for solid embankment, is intended, the same shall be marked on the Section, and no work shall be shown as tunnelling, in the making of which
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it will be necessary to cut through or remove the surface soil.

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Gradient in case of Junctions.

55. When a Railway is intended to form a junction with an existing or authorized line of Railway, the gradient of such existing or authorized line of Railway shall be shown on the deposited Section, and in connection therewith, and on the same scale as the general Section, for a distance of 800 yards on either side of the point of junction.

5. Estimates and Deposit of Money, and Declarations in certain cases.

56. An Estimate of the Expense of the Undertaking under each Bill of the Second Class shall be made and signed by the person making the same.

Estimate in Bills of the Second Class.

57. In the case of a Railway Bill or Tramway Bill, authorizing the construction of works by other than an existing Railway Company or Tramway Company, incorporated by Act of Parliament, possessed of a railway or tramway already opened for public traffic, and which has during the year last past paid Dividends on its ordinary Share Capital, and which does not propose to raise under the Bill a Capital greater than its existing authorized capital, a sum not less than Five per cent. on the amount of the Estimate of Expense, or in the case of substituted works, on the amount by which the

Percentage to be deposited.

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expense thereof will exceed the expense of the works to be abandoned, and in the case of all Bills other than Railway Bills and Tramway Bills, a sum not less than Four per cent. on the amount of such Estimate, or of such excess as aforesaid, shall, previously to the 15th day of *January*, be deposited with the Paymaster General for and on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature in *England*, if the work is intended to be done in *England*, or with the Paymaster General for and on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature in *England*, or with the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer on behalf of the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, if the work is intended to be done in *Scotland*, or with the Accountant General of the Supreme Court of Judicature in *Ireland*, if the work is intended to be done in *Ireland*.

Cases in
which
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Money.

58. Where the work is to be made, wholly or in part, by means of Funds, or out of money to be raised upon the credit of present Surplus Revenue, belonging to any Society or Company, or under the control of Directors, Trustees, or Commissioners, as the case may be, of any existing Public Work, such parties being the Promoters of the Bill, a Declaration stating those facts, and setting forth the nature of such control, and the nature and amount of such Funds or Surplus Revenue, and showing the actual surplus of such Funds or Revenue, after deducting

deducting the funds required for purposes authorized by any Act or Acts of Parliament, and also the funds which may be required for any other work to be executed under any Bill in the same Session, and given under the common seal of the Society or Company, or under the hand of some authorized Officer of such Directors, Trustees, or Commissioners, may be deposited, and in such case no deposit of money shall be required in respect of so much of the Estimate of Expense as shall be provided for by such Surplus Funds.

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59. In cases of any Bill under which no private or personal pecuniary profit or advantage is to be derived, and where the work is to be made out of money to be raised upon the Security of the Rates, Duties, or Revenue already belonging to or under the control of the Promoters, or to be created by or to arise under the Bill, a Declaration stating those facts, and setting forth the means by which funds are to be obtained for executing the work, and signed by the Party or Agent soliciting the Bill, together with an Estimate of the probable amount of such Rates, Duties or Revenue, signed by the person making the same, may be deposited, and in such case no Money Deposit shall be required.

Cases in which Declaration and Estimate of Amount of Rates may be deposited.

6. *Bills brought from the House of Lords.*

60. A copy of every Local Bill brought from the House of Lords shall, not later than Two

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Days after the Bill is read a First time, be deposited at every office at which it was deposited under Orders 33 and 34, or would be required to be deposited under those Orders if it had been originally introduced as brought from the House of Lords.

Notices
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where Work
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61. Whenever during the progress through the House of Lords of any Bill of the Second Class originating in that House, any alteration has been made in any work authorized by such Bill, proof shall be given before the Examiners that a Plan and Section of such alteration, on the same scale and containing the same particulars as the original Plan and Section, together with a Book of Reference thereto, has been deposited in the Private Bill Office, and with the Clerk of the Peace of every County, Riding, or Division in *England* or *Ireland*, and in the Office of the Sheriff Clerk of every County in *Scotland*, in which such alteration is proposed to be made, and where any County in *Scotland* is divided into Districts or Divisions then also in the Office of the Principal Sheriff Clerk in and for each District or Division in which such alteration is proposed to be made; and that a copy of such Plan and Section, so far as relates to any of the areas mentioned in Standing Order 29, together with a Book of Reference thereto, has been deposited with the officers respectively mentioned in that Order as the case may be, Two weeks previously to the

the introduction of the Bill into this House; and that the intention to make such alteration has been published previously to the introduction of the Bill into this House once in the *London, Edinburgh, or Dublin Gazette*, as the case may be, and for Two successive weeks in some one and the same newspaper of the County in which such alteration is situate; and that application in writing, as nearly as may be in the form set forth in the Appendix, marked (A), was made to the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, or in their absence from the United Kingdom, to their Agents respectively, and to the Occupiers of Lands through which any such alteration is intended to be made; and the consent of such Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers, to the making of such alteration, shall be proved before the Examiner. Compliance with this Order shall not be necessary in the case of alterations made on Petition for Additional Provision in the House of Lords.

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7. *Consents of Proprietors or Members of Companies, and of Persons named as Directors.*

62. Every Bill originating in this House, promoted by a Company already constituted by Act of Parliament, shall be referred to the

Meeting of Proprietors in case of certain Bills originating in this House.

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Examiners, who shall report as to compliance or non-compliance with the following Order :—

The Bill, as introduced, or proposed to be introduced, in this House, shall be submitted to the proprietors of such Company at a meeting held specially for that purpose.

Such meeting shall be called by advertisement inserted once in each of two consecutive weeks in some one and the same newspaper published in *London, Edinburgh,* or *Dublin*, as the case may be, and in some one and the same newspaper of the county or counties in which the principal office or offices of the Company is or are situate; and also by a circular addressed to each proprietor on the register of the Company at his last known or usual address, and sent by post, or delivered at such address, not less than Ten days before the holding of such meeting, enclosing a blank form of proxy, with proper instructions for the use of the same; and the same form of proxy and the same instructions, and none other, shall be sent to every such proprietor; but no such form of proxy shall be stamped before it is sent out, nor shall the funds of the Company be used for the stamping any proxies, nor shall intimation be sent as to any person in whose favour the proxy may be granted, and no
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other circular or form of proxy relating to such meeting shall be sent to any proprietor from the office of the Company, or by any director or officer of the Company so describing himself.

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Such meeting shall be held not earlier than the seventh day after the last insertion of such advertisement, and may be held on the same day as an ordinary general meeting of the Company.

At such meeting the said Bill shall be submitted to the proprietors aforesaid then present, and approved of by proprietors, present in person or by proxy, holding at least three-fourths of the paid-up capital of the Company represented by the votes at such meeting, such proprietors being qualified to vote at all ordinary meetings of the Company in right of such capital. The votes of proprietors of any paid-up shares or stock other than debenture stock, not qualified to vote at ordinary meetings, whose interests may be affected by the Bill, if tendered at the meeting shall be recorded separately. The names of the proprietors present in person at the meeting shall be recorded by the Company. For this purpose the meeting and any other consecutive meetings, whether general or special, and whether preceding or following it,

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it, shall be deemed to be the same meeting. A poll may be demanded by any proprietor present in person at the meeting.

There shall be deposited at the Private Bill Office a statement of the number of votes if a poll was taken, and of the number of votes recorded separately.

So far as any such Bill relates to a separate undertaking in any Company as distinct from the general undertaking, separate meetings shall be held of the proprietors of the Company and of the separate undertaking, and the provisions of this Order applicable to meetings of proprietors of the Company shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to meetings of proprietors of the separate undertaking.

Meeting of
Members of
Companies,
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certain Bills
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63. Every Bill originating in this House, promoted by any Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership formed or registered under the Companies Act, 1862, or the Companies Consolidation Act, 1908, or otherwise constituted (and not being a Company to which the preceding Order applies) shall be referred again to the Examiners, who shall report as to compliance or non-compliance with the following Order :

. In the case of a Company formed or registered under the Companies Act, 1862, or the Companies Consolidation Act, 1908 ;

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The Bill as introduced or proposed to be introduced in this House shall be approved by a special resolution of the Company.

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In the case of any other such Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership as aforesaid ;

The Bill as introduced or proposed to be introduced in this House shall be consented to by a majority of three-fourths in number and (where applicable) in value of the proprietors or members of such Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership present, in person or by proxy, at a meeting convened with notice of the business to be transacted and voting at such meeting ; such consent to be certified in writing by the chairman of the meeting.

A copy of such special resolution or certificate of consent shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office. —

The names of the proprietors or members present in person at the meeting shall be recorded by the Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership. For this purpose the meeting, and any other consecutive meetings, whether general or special, and whether preceding or following it, shall be deemed to be the same meeting.

A poll may be demanded by any one proprietor or member present in person at the meeting, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in any instrument constituting

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constituting or regulating the Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership.

If a poll is taken there shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office a statement of the number of votes.

So far as any such Bill relates to a separate class of proprietors or members of any Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership, as distinct from the proprietors or members generally, such Bill shall be approved or assented to by the proprietors or members generally, and also by the separate class of proprietors or members, and the provisions of this Order applicable to the proprietors or members generally shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to the separate class of proprietors or members.

Meeting of
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64. In the case of every Bill brought from the House of Lords in which provisions have been inserted in that House, empowering the Promoters thereof, being a Company already constituted by Act of Parliament, to execute, undertake, or contribute towards any work other than that for which it was originally established, or to sell or lease their undertaking, or any part thereof, or to enter into any agreements with any other Company for the working, maintenance, management, or use of the Railway or works of either Company, or any part thereof, or to amalgamate their undertaking, or any part thereof, with any other undertaking,

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or to purchase any other undertaking, or part thereof, or any additional lands, or to abandon their undertaking, or any part thereof, or to dissolve the said Company, or in which any such provisions originally contained in the Bill have been materially altered in that House, or in which any such powers are conferred on any Company not being the Promoters of the Bill, the Examiner shall report as to compliance or non-compliance with the following Order :—

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The Bill, as introduced or proposed to be introduced into this House, shall be submitted to the proprietors of any such Company, at a meeting held specially for that purpose.

Such meeting shall be called by advertisement inserted once in each of two consecutive weeks in some one and the same newspaper published in *London*, *Edinburgh*, or *Dublin*, as the case may be, and in some one and the same newspaper of the county or counties in which the principal office or offices of the Company is or are situate; and also by a circular addressed to each proprietor on the register of the Company at his last-known or usual address, and sent by post, or delivered at such address, not less than Ten days before the holding of such meeting, enclosing a blank form of proxy, with proper instructions for the use of the same; and the same form of proxy and the same instructions, and none other, shall be

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sent to every such proprietor; but no such form of proxy shall be stamped before it is sent out, nor shall the funds of the Company be used for the stamping any proxies, nor shall intimation be sent as to any person in whose favour the proxy may be granted, and no other circular or form of proxy relating to such meeting shall be sent to any proprietor from the office of the Company, or by any director or officer of the Company so describing himself.

Such meeting shall be held not earlier than the seventh day after the last insertion of such advertisement, and may be held on the same day as an ordinary general meeting of the Company.

At such meeting the said Bill shall be submitted to the proprietors aforesaid then present, and approved by proprietors present in person or by proxy, holding at least three-fourths of the paid-up capital of the Company represented by the votes at such meeting, such proprietors being qualified to vote at all ordinary meetings of the Company in right of such capital. The votes of proprietors of any paid-up shares or stock other than debenture stock, not qualified to vote at ordinary meetings, whose interests may be affected by the Bill, if tendered at the meeting shall be recorded separately. The names of the proprietors present in person at the meeting shall

shall be recorded by the Company. For this purpose the meeting, and any other consecutive meetings, whether general or special, and whether preceding or following it, shall be deemed to be the same meeting. A poll may be demanded by any proprietor present in person at the meeting.

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There shall be deposited at the Private Bill Office a statement of the number of votes if a poll was taken, and of the number of votes recorded separately.

So far as any such Bill relates to a separate undertaking in any Company as distinct from the general undertaking, separate meetings shall be held of the proprietors of the Company and of the separate undertaking, and the provisions of this Order applicable to meetings of proprietors of the Company shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to meetings of proprietors of the separate undertaking.

65. In the case of every Bill brought from the House of Lords, in which provisions have been inserted in that House empowering or requiring any Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership formed or registered under the Companies Act, 1862, or the Companies Consolidation Act, 1908, or otherwise constituted, and not being a Company to which the preceding Order applies, to do any act not authorized by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of such Company, or other Instrument

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Instrument constituting or regulating such Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership, or authorizing or enacting the abandonment of the undertaking, or any part of the undertaking, of any such Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership, or the dissolution thereof, or in which any such provisions originally contained in the Bill have been materially altered in that House, or by which any such powers are conferred on any Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership not being the Promoters of the Bill, the Examiner shall report as to compliance or non-compliance with the following Order:—

In the case of a Company formed or registered under the Companies Act 1862, or the Companies Consolidation Act, 1908,

The Bill as introduced or proposed to be introduced into this House shall be approved by a special resolution of the Company.

In the case of any other such Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership as aforesaid,

The Bill as introduced or proposed to be introduced in this House shall be consented to by a majority of Three-fourths in number and (where applicable) in value of the proprietors or members of such Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership present, in person or by proxy, at a meeting convened with notice of the business to be transacted, and voting at such meeting

meeting, such consent to be certified in writing by the Chairman of the meeting.

A copy of such special resolution or certificate of consent shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office.

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Examiners.*

Provided always, that if by the terms of such special resolution or consent the Bill as introduced or proposed to be introduced into the House of Lords shall have been approved or consented to, subject to such additions, alterations, and variations as Parliament may think fit to make therein, then it shall not be necessary for the purposes of this Order to obtain any further approval or consent in respect of any provisions inserted in the Bill in the House of Lords: Provided nevertheless that it shall be competent for the Committee on the Bill, if they think fit, having regard to the nature and effect of such provisions, to require any further evidence of the approval or consent to such provisions on the part of the shareholders or members of the Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership.

The names of the proprietors or members present in person at the meeting shall be recorded by the Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership. For this purpose the meeting, and any other consecutive meetings, whether general or special, and whether preceding or following

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it, shall be deemed to be the same meeting.

A poll may be demanded by any one proprietor or member present in person at the meeting, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in any instrument constituting or regulating the Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership.

If a poll is taken, there shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office a statement of the number of votes.

So far as any such Bill relates to a separate class of proprietors or members of any Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership as distinct from the proprietors or members generally, such Bill shall be approved or assented to by the proprietors or members generally, and also by the separate class of proprietors or members; and the provisions of this Order applicable to the proprietors or members generally shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to the separate class of proprietors or members.

Consent of
Proprietors
of any Com-
pany to sum
authorised
to be raised
in aid of
undertaking
of another
Company.

66. When any Bill originating in this House either as introduced into Parliament, or as amended, or proposed to be amended, on petition for additional provision, contains a provision authorizing any Company incorporated by Act of Parliament, or any class of holders of share

or loan capital in any such Company, to subscribe or to alter the terms or conditions of any subscription towards, or to guarantee or to raise any money in aid of the undertaking of another Company (which Bill is not brought in by the Company so authorized, or of which such Company is not a joint promoter), proof shall be required before the Examiner within five weeks of the date on which the Petition for the same was indorsed by the Examiner, if such provision is contained in the Bill as introduced into Parliament, that the Company or the class of holders of share or loan capital so authorized has consented to such subscription, alteration, guarantee, or raising of money, at a meeting of the proprietors of the Company, or of any such class of holders of share or loan capital, as the case may be, held specially for that purpose, in the same manner and subject to the same provisions as the meeting directed to be held under Standing Order 64 ; and in case such provision is contained in the Bill as introduced into Parliament, that the Notices for the Bill state the specific sum, if any, proposed to be subscribed, or guaranteed or raised, or the alteration of the terms or conditions of the subscription, as the case may be, or in case such provision shall be proposed to be inserted in the Bill on a petition for additional provision, that Notices stating the specific sum, if any, proposed to be subscribed, or guaranteed or raised

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raised on the alteration of the terms or conditions of the subscription, as the case may be, and stating that the consent of the Company, or of such class of holders of share or loan capital, has been given as aforesaid, have been published once in the *London, Edinburgh, or Dublin Gazette*, as the case may be, and in the County Newspapers in which the Notices for the Bill were published, for two successive weeks during the six weeks immediately preceding the presentation of such Petition for additional provision; in any case in which such consent has been given, it shall not be necessary to submit the Bill, in respect of such provision as aforesaid, to the approval of a meeting to be held in accordance with Standing Order 64.

Provision as
to Railway
Bills charg-
ing Pay-
ments on
Local Rate
in Ireland.

67. When in any Railway Bill originating in this House a provision is contained by which the payment of any moneys is directly or contingently charged upon the Poor Rate, or any other Local Rate in *Ireland*, by means of a guarantee or otherwise, such Bill shall be referred again to the Examiners, who shall report as to compliance or non-compliance with the following Order :—

A copy of the Bill, as deposited in the Private Bill Office, shall be submitted to the County Council or other Authority empowered to make such rate, and according as the
payment

payment of any moneys is by the said Bill proposed to be charged upon a county, or upon one or more urban or rural districts, such Bill shall also be submitted to the County Council for such county, or to the District Council for such district, as the case may be.

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Orders,
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is to be
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Examiners.*

Notice of the intention to submit a copy of such Bill to such County or District Council shall be given Ten days previously to submitting the same to the Secretary or Clerk of such Council, and shall be advertised once in each of two consecutive weeks in some one and the same Morning Newspaper published in *Dublin*, and in some one and the same Newspaper published or circulating in the county or district upon which it is proposed by the Bill to impose any local rate or charge.

A copy of such Bill shall be so submitted not earlier than Six months before the time fixed for the deposit of such Bill, and not earlier than the Seventh day after the last insertion of such Advertisement; and shall be approved by a majority of the members of the Council then present and voting thereon, and the Resolution of every Council approving the same shall be deposited at the Private Bill Office, together with a statement under the hand of the Chairman presiding when such Resolution was passed, of the number of the members then present and voting.

150 STANDING ORDERS.[Private Business.]

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Orders,
compliance
with which
is to be
proved
before
Examiners.*

*Proof of
Consent of
Directors,
&c., who are
named in
a Bill.*

68. When in any Bill brought from the House of Lords for the purpose of establishing a Company for carrying on any work or undertaking any person is specified as Manager, Director, Proprietor, or otherwise concerned in carrying such Bill into effect, proof shall be required before the Examiner that such person has subscribed his name to the Petition for the Bill, or to a printed copy of the Bill, as brought up to this House.

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III.
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Chairman
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of Ways
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Committees.*

III.

PROCEEDINGS OF EXAMINERS,
OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE
OF WAYS AND MEANS, AND
OF COMMITTEES.

III.

Proceedings of, and in relation to, the Examiners.

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Examiners.*

REFERENCE OF BILLS, &C., TO, AND DUTIES OF, AND PRACTICE BEFORE EXAMINERS.

69. The Examination of the Petitions for Private Bills which shall have been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office, shall commence on the 18th day of *January*, in such order and according to such regulations as shall have been made by Mr. Speaker.

When Examination of Petitions to commence.

70. One of the Examiners shall give at least Seven clear Days' Notice in the Private Bill Office of the day appointed for the Examination of each Petition which shall have been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office; and in case the Promoters shall not appear at the time when the Petition shall come on to be heard, the Examiner to whom the case shall have been allotted shall strike the Petition off the General List of Petitions, and shall not re-insert the same, except by order of The House.

Notice of Day appointed for Examination.

71. The Examiner shall certify by indorsement on each Petition whether the Standing Orders have or have not been complied with; and, when they have not been complied with,
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Indorsement on and Report as to Petition.

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Examiners.*

he shall also report to The House the facts upon which his decision is founded, and any special circumstances connected with the case.

Reference to
Examiner of
Petitions for
additional
provision
in Private
Bills from
Lords, &c.

72. All Petitions for additional provision in Private Bills, with the proposed Clauses annexed, and all Private Bills brought from the House of Lords, and all Bills introduced by leave of The House in lieu of other Bills which shall have been withdrawn, and all Bills to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, after having been read a First time, shall be referred to the Examiners, and the Examiner shall report to The House whether the Standing Orders have or have not been complied with, and when they have not been complied with, the facts upon which his decision is founded, and any special circumstances connected with the case, and in the case of any Bill which, in pursuance of any Report from the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, has originated in the House of Lords, the compliance with such Standing Orders only as shall not have been previously inquired into shall be proved. In cases where provisions are sought to be inserted upon petition for additional provision which were comprised in the original notices, but were not contained in the Bill as introduced into Parliament, the original notices shall not be held to apply to the additional provisions proposed to be inserted.

In the case of any Provisional Order Confirmation Bill in which provisions have been inserted in the House of Lords to which the Standing Orders of this House would apply if the Bill were a Private Bill, the Examiners shall inquire whether, in respect of such provisions, the Standing Orders have been complied with, and report to the House accordingly.

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Examiners.*

73. In all cases of Petitions for additional provision in Private Bills and of Private Bills brought from the House of Lords, and of Bills introduced by leave of this House in lieu of other Bills which shall have been withdrawn, the Examiner shall give at least Two clear Days' Notice in the Private Bill Office of the day on which the same will be examined; and in the case of a Bill for confirming any Provisional Order or Certificate Two clear Days' Notice shall be given by the Promoters of the Bill in the Private Bill Office of the day on which the same will be examined, but such Notice shall not be given until after the Bill has been printed and circulated.

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cases of
Petitions for
additional
provision
in Private
Bills, &c.*

74. Any parties shall be entitled to appear and to be heard by themselves, their agents, and witnesses, upon a Memorial addressed to the Examiner, complaining of a non-compliance with the Standing Orders, provided the matter complained of be specifically stated in such Memorial, and the party (if any) who may be specially

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specially affected by the non-compliance with the Standing Orders have signed such Memorial and shall not have withdrawn his signature thereto, and such Memorial have been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office.

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Proprietors
Dissenting
at meeting
under
Orders 62
to 66.*

75. In case any proprietor, shareholder, or member of or in any Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership shall by himself, or any person authorized to act for him in that behalf, have dissented at any meeting called in pursuance of Standing Orders 62 to 66, such proprietor, shareholder, or member shall be permitted to be heard by the Examiner of Petitions, on the compliance with such Standing Order, by himself, his agents and witnesses, on a Memorial addressed to the Examiner, such Memorial having been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office.

*Proof by
Affidavit.*

76. The Examiner may admit Affidavits in proof of the compliance with the Standing Orders, or may require further evidence; and such Affidavit shall be sworn, if in *England* or in *Ireland*, before a Justice of the Peace, or a Commissioner for Oaths, and if in *Scotland*, before any Sheriff Depute or his Substitute, or a Justice of the Peace.

*Report
in cases of
Bills origi-
nating in
the Lords.*

77. The Examiner shall make a Report of the several cases in which he shall have certified that the Standing Orders have or have not been complied with in respect of any Bills
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which in pursuance of any Report from the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, *Proceedings of Examiners.*
 under Standing Order 79, shall originate in the House of Lords; and where they have not been complied with, he shall also report, separately, the facts upon which his decision is founded, and any special circumstances connected with the case.

78. In case the Examiner shall feel doubts as to the due construction of any Standing Order in its application to a particular case, he shall make a Special Report of the facts, without deciding whether the Standing Order has or has not been complied with; and in such case he shall indorse the Petition with the words "Special Report," either alone, or if non-compliances with other Standing Orders shall have been proved, in addition to the words "Standing Orders not complied with."

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Chairman
of Ways
and Means.*

PROCEEDINGS OF, AND IN RELATION TO, THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF WAYS
AND MEANS AND THE COUNSEL TO MR.
SPEAKER.

Chairman of
Ways and
Means to
seek a Con-
ference with
Chairman of
Committees
of House of
Lords.

79. The Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means or the Counsel to Mr. Speaker shall, on or before the 28th day of *January* in each year, seek a conference with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords or with his Counsel for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and such determination shall be reported to The House.

Chairman of
Ways and
Means to
examine
all Private
Bills, &c.

80. The Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, with the assistance of the Counsel to Mr. Speaker, shall examine all Private Bills, whether opposed or unopposed, and call the attention of The House, and also of the Chairman of the Committee on every opposed Private Bill, to all points which may appear to him to require it; and copies of all such Bills shall be laid by the Agent before the said Chairman and Counsel not later than the day after the Examiner of Petitions shall have indorsed the Petition for the Bill.

81. The

81. The Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall make a report to The House previously to the Second Reading of any Private Bill by which it is intended to authorize, confirm, or alter any Contract with any Department of the Government whereby a public charge has been or may be created; and such report, together with a copy of the Contract, and of any Resolution to be proposed in relation thereto, shall be circulated with the Votes Two clear Days at least before the day on which the Resolution is to be considered in a Committee of the Whole House, which consideration shall not take place until after the time of Private Business; nor shall the Report of any such Resolution be considered until Three clear Days at least after the Resolution shall have been agreed to by the Committee.

Proceedings of Chairman of Ways and Means.

Chairman of Ways and Means to report on Bills relating to Government Contracts.

82. Two clear Days at least before the day appointed for the consideration of any Private Bill by a Committee, there shall be laid before the Chairman of Ways and Means and the Counsel to Mr. Speaker, by the Agent, copies of every such Bill as proposed to be submitted to the Committee, signed by the Agent for the Bill together with copies of the Estimates and statements deposited in accordance with Standing Order 36a (if any).

Copies of Bill, as proposed to be submitted to Committee, to be laid before Chairman of Ways and Means, &c.

83. The Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall be at liberty, at any period after any Private Bill shall have been referred

Power to Chairman to report Special Circumstances, &c. to The House.

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referred to a Committee, to report to The House any special circumstances relative thereto which may appear to him to require it, or to inform The House that in his opinion any unopposed Private Bill should be treated as an opposed Private Bill.

Copy of Bill
as amended
in Com-
mittee to be
laid before
Chairman of
Ways and
Means, &c.

84. Three clear Days at least before the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, a copy of every such Bill, as amended in Committee, shall be laid by the Agent before the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means and the Counsel to Mr. Speaker, and deposited at every office at which it was deposited under Standing Orders 33 and 34, or would be required to be deposited under those Orders if it had been originally introduced as amended in Committee.

Clause or
Amendment
on consi-
deration
of Bill, or
on Third
Reading,
to be sub-
mitted to
Chairman of
Ways and
Means, &c.

85. When it is intended to bring up any clause, or to propose any amendment on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, or any verbal amendment on the Third Reading of any Private Bill, the same shall be submitted by the Agent to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means and the Counsel to Mr. Speaker, on the day on which notice is given thereof in the Private Bill Office.

Copy of
Amend-
ments by
House of
Lords, and

86. A copy of all amendments made in the House of Lords to any Private Bill, and of all amendments to such amendments intended to
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be proposed in this House, shall be laid by the Agent before the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means and the Counsel to Mr. Speaker, before Two o'clock on the day previous to that on which the same are respectively appointed for consideration by the House.

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of Ways
and Means.*

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Amend-
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Chairman of
Ways and
Means &c.

Proceedings of Referees on Private Bills.

PROCEEDINGS OF, AND IN RELATION TO, THE
REFEREES ON PRIVATE BILLS.

Referees on Private Bills to be constituted.

87. The Chairman of Ways and Means, and the Deputy Chairman, with not less than Seven other persons, who shall be Members of this House, and shall be appointed by Mr. Speaker for such periods as he shall think fit, shall be Referees of The House on Private Bills, and shall have the assistance of the Counsel to Mr. Speaker; such Referees to form one or more Courts, three at least to be required to constitute each Court.

Rules of Practice and Procedure to be made by Chairman of Ways and Means.

88. The practice and procedure of the Referees, their times of sitting, order of business, and the forms and notices required in their proceedings, shall be prescribed by rules, to be framed by the Chairman of Ways and Means, subject to alteration by him as occasion may require, but only one Counsel shall appear before such Referees in support of a Private Bill, or in support of any Petition in opposition thereto, unless specially authorized by the Referees. All such rules and alterations, when made, to be laid on the Table of The House.

Referees on Private Bills to decide as to *locus standi* of Petitioners.

89. The Referees shall decide upon all Petitions against Private Bills, or against Provisional Orders, or Provisional Certificates, as

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to the rights of the Petitioners to be heard upon such Petitions, without prejudice, however, to the power of the Select Committee to which the Bill is referred to decide upon any question as to such rights arising incidentally in the course of their proceedings.

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on Private
Bills.*

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Select Com-
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Standing
Orders.*

Committee
on Standing
Orders.

PROCEEDINGS OF, AND IN RELATION TO, THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS.

91. There shall be a Committee, to be designated "The Select Committee on Standing Orders," to consist of *Eleven* Members, who shall be nominated at the commencement of every Session, of whom *Five* shall be a Quorum.

Report as to
dispensing
with Stand-
ing Orders
in cases of
non-com-
pliance.

92. When any Report of the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills, in which he shall report that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, shall have been referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, they shall report to The House whether such Standing Orders ought or ought not to be dispensed with, and whether in their opinion the parties should be permitted to proceed with their Bill, or any portion thereof, and under what (if any) conditions.

Report in
cases of
Bills origi-
nating in
Lords.

93. The Select Committee on Standing Orders shall have power to report on the cases referred to them in respect of Private Bills originating in the House of Lords, notwithstanding that the Petitions for the same shall not have been presented to The House.

Proceeding
in case of
Special
Report.

94. When any Special Report from the Examiner of Petitions as to the construction of a Standing Order shall have been referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, they shall determine, according to their construction
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of the Standing Order, and on the facts stated in such Report, whether the Standing Orders have or have not been complied with, and they shall then either report to The House that the Standing Orders have been complied with, or shall proceed to consider the question of dispensing with the Standing Orders, as the case may be.

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ings of
Select Com-
mittee on
Standing
Orders.*

95. When any Petition, praying that any of the Sessional or Standing Orders of The House relating to Private Bills may be dispensed with, shall stand referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, they shall report to The House whether such Sessional or Standing Orders ought or ought not to be dispensed with.

*Report as to
dispensing
with
Sessional or
Standing
Orders.*

96. When any Petition for the re-insertion of any Petition for a Private Bill in the General List of Petitions shall stand referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, they shall report to The House whether in their opinion such Petition ought or ought not to be re-inserted, and, if re-inserted, under what (if any) conditions.

*Report as to
re-insertion
of Petitions.*

97. When any clause or amendment proposed on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table shall have been referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, they shall report to The House whether such clause or amendment should be adopted by The House or not, or whether the Bill should be re-committed.

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cases of
Amend-
ments pro-
posed on
considera-
tion.*

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Committee
of Selection
&c.*
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PROCEEDINGS OF, AND IN RELATION TO, THE
COMMITTEE OF SELECTION, AND OF THE
GENERAL COMMITTEE ON RAILWAY AND
CANAL BILLS.

Committee
of Selection.

98. There shall be a Committee, to be designated "The Committee of Selection," to consist of *Eleven* Members who shall be nominated at the commencement of every Session, of which Committee *Three* shall be a Quorum.

General
Committee
on Railway
and Canal
Bills.

99. There shall be a Committee, to be designated "The General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills," which shall be nominated at the commencement of every Session by the Committee of Selection, of which Committee *Three* shall be a Quorum.

Committee
of Selection
may dis-
charge
Members
and add
others.

100. The Committee of Selection may, from time to time, discharge Members from further attendance on such General Committee, and add other Members in their room, and shall appoint the Chairman of such Committee.

General
Committee
to appoint
Chairmen.

101. The General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills shall appoint from among themselves the Chairman of each Committee on a Railway or Canal Bill, or on a Group of such Bills, and may change the Chairman so appointed from time to time.

102. Printed

102. Printed Copies of all Private Bills, not being Railway or Canal Bills, shall be laid before the Committee of Selection, and Printed Copies of all Railway and Canal Bills before the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, by the parties promoting the same, at the first Meeting of the said Committees respectively.

Proceedings of Committee of Selection, &c.

Printed Copies of Bills to be laid before Committee of Selection and General Committee.

103. The Committee of Selection may, if they think fit, form into Groups all Private Bills, not being Railway or Canal Bills, and the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills may form into Groups all Railway and Canal Bills, which, in their opinion, it may be expedient to submit to the same Committee, and such Groups shall be published in the Votes.

Committee of Selection and General Committee to group Private Bills.

104. The General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills shall refer every unopposed Railway or Canal Bill to the Committee on Unopposed Bills.

Railway and Canal unopposed Bills.

105. The Committee of Selection, in the case of all Private Bills other than Railway and Canal Bills, and the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills in the case of such Bills, shall, subject to the Order in regard to the interval between the Committal of every Private Bill and the Sitting of the Committee thereupon, fix the time for holding the *First Sitting* of every Committee on a Private Bill

Committee of Selection and General Committee on Railway, &c. Bills to appoint First Sitting of Committee.

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Committee
of Selection,
&c.*

which shall have been referred to either of the said Committees.

Committee
of Selection
and General
Committee
to name Bill
or Bills to be
considered
on the First
Day.

106. The Committee of Selection shall name the Bill or Bills which shall be taken into consideration on the first day of the meeting of the Committee on any Group of Bills not being Railway or Canal Bills; and the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills shall name the Bill or Bills which shall be taken into consideration on the first day of the meeting of each Committee on any Group of such Bills.

Bills not
to be con-
sidered
opposed.

107. The Committee of Selection shall consider no Bill as an opposed Private Bill, unless, within the time appointed by Standing Order 128, a Petition shall have been presented against it, in which the Petitioner or Petitioners shall have prayed to be heard, by themselves, their Counsel or Agents, or unless, where no such Petition shall have been presented, the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall have reported to The House that in his opinion any Bill ought to be so treated.

Committees
on opposed
Private
Bills.

108. The Committee of Selection shall refer every opposed Private Bill, which shall have been referred to them, or any Group of such Bills, to a Chairman and Three Members, and a Referee or a Chairman and Three Members, not locally or otherwise interested therein.

109. The

109. The Committee of Selection shall refer every unopposed Private Bill, which shall have been referred to them, to the Committee on unopposed Bills, which shall be composed of five Members, namely, the Chairman of Ways and Means (who when present shall be ex-officio Chairman of every such Committee), the Deputy Chairman, two Members from time to time selected by the Chairman of Ways and Means from a panel to be appointed by the Committee of Selection at the commencement of every Session, and Counsel to Mr. Speaker, and three shall be the quorum thereof.

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Committee
of Selection
&c.*
Committees
on unop-
posed
Private
Bills.

110. The Committee of Selection shall give each Member not less than Seven Days' notice, by publication in the Votes or otherwise, of the week in which it will be necessary for him to be in attendance for the purpose of serving, if required, as a Member, not locally or otherwise interested, of a Committee on a Private Bill.

*Preliminary
Notice to
Members.*

111. The Committee of Selection shall give to each Member sufficient notice of his appointment as a Member of a Committee on any Private Bill, or Group of such Bills, and, in every case where a Declaration is required to be signed and returned by such Member, shall transmit to him a blank form of the Declaration required, with a request that it may forthwith be returned properly filled up and signed.

*Notice of
Appoint-
ment and
Declaration.*

112. The

*Proceed-
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Committee
of Selection
&c.*

Members re-
turning no
answer to be
reported.

112. The Committee of Selection shall report to The House the name of every Member from whom they shall not have received in due time such Declaration, so filled up and signed, or, in lieu thereof, an excuse which they shall deem sufficient.

Committee
of Selection
may sub-
stitute
Members for
others.

113. The Committee of Selection shall have the power of discharging any Member or Members of a Committee, and of substituting other Members.

Committee
of Selection
may send for
Persons, &c.

114. The Committee of Selection shall have power, in the execution of their duties, to send for Persons, Papers, and Records.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES ON OPPOSED
BILLS.

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ings of
Committees
on Opposed
Bills.*

115. The Committee on every opposed Railway and Canal Bill, or Group of Railway and Canal Bills, shall be composed of Four Members and a Referee, or Four Members not locally or otherwise interested in the Bill or Bills referred to them; the Chairman to be appointed by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, and Three other Members by the Committee of Selection.

*Committees
on opposed
Railway
and Canal
Bills.*

116. The Committee on every opposed Private Bill (not being a Railway, Canal, or Divorce Bill), or Group of Bills, and the Committee on any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, shall be composed of a Chairman and Three Members and a Referee, or a Chairman and Three Members not locally or otherwise interested in the Bill or Bills referred to them, to be appointed by the Committee of Selection.

*Committees
on opposed
Private
Bills.*

117. Each Member of a Committee on an opposed Private Bill, or Group of such Bills, shall, before he be entitled to attend and vote on such Committee, sign the following Declaration :

*Declaration
of Members.*

I do hereby declare, That my constituents have no local interest, and that I have no personal interest, in such Bill ; and that I will never vote on any question which may arise without having duly heard and attended to the Evidence relating thereto.

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*Proceed-
ings of
Committees
on Opposed
Bills.*

And no such Committee shall proceed to business until the said Declaration shall have been so signed by each of such Members.

Quorum.

118. Committees shall not be allowed to proceed if more than One of their Members be absent, unless by special leave of The House.

*Members
not to ab-
sent them-
selves.*

119. No Member of a Committee on an opposed Private Bill shall absent himself from his duties thereon, except in the case of sickness, or by order of The House.

Chairman's
absence.

120. If the Chairman shall be absent from the Committee, the Member next in rotation on the List of Members who shall be present shall act as Chairman, but in the case of Railway and Canal Bills, only until the General Committee on such Bills shall have appointed, if they shall so think fit, another Chairman.

Proceedings
to be sus-
pended if
Quorum not
present.

121. If at any time during the sitting of any Committee more than One of the Members be absent, the Chairman shall suspend the proceedings of such Committee; and if at the expiration of *One Hour* from the time fixed for the meeting of the Committee, or from the time when the Chairman shall so have suspended the proceedings, more than One Member be absent, the Committee shall be adjourned to the next day on which The House shall sit, and then shall meet at the hour on which such Committee would have sat, had no such adjournment taken place.

122. If any of the Members shall not be present within One Hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee, or if any Member shall absent himself from his duties on such Committee, every such Member shall be reported to The House at its next sitting.

Proceedings of Committees on Opposed Bills.

Members absent to be reported to The House.

123. If, at any time after the Committee on a Bill shall have been formed, a Quorum of Members required by the Standing Orders cannot attend in consequence of any of the Members who shall have duly qualified to serve on such Committee having become incompetent to continue such service by death or otherwise, the Chairman shall report the circumstances of the case to The House, in order that such measures may be taken by The House as shall enable the Members still remaining on the Committee to proceed with the business referred to such Committee, or as the emergency of the case may require.

Absence of Members by Death or otherwise to be reported.

124. All questions before Committees on Private Bills shall be decided by a majority of voices, including the voice of the Chairman; and whenever the voices are equal the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

Method of deciding Questions.

125. The Committee on each Group of Bills shall take the Bill or Bills first into consideration which shall have been named by the Committee of Selection, or by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills; and the Committee shall, from time to time, appoint the day on which

Order in which Bills are to be considered.

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Committees
on Opposed
Bills.*

which they will enter upon the consideration of each of the remaining Bills, and on which they will require the parties severally promoting or opposing the same to enter appearances; and Two clear Days' notice, at the least, of such appointment shall be given by the Clerk attending the Committee to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office; and in case the Committee shall postpone the consideration of any Bill, notice shall be given of the day to which the same is postponed.

Causes of
Adjourn-
ment to be
specially
reported.

126. Every Committee on an opposed Private Bill shall report specially to The House the cause of any Adjournment over any day on which The House shall sit.

Petition
against Bill
must
distinctly
specify
grounds of
objection.

127. No Petition against a Private Bill, or a Bill to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, shall be taken into consideration by the Committee on such Bill, which shall not distinctly specify the ground on which the Petitioners object to any of the provisions thereof; and the Petitioners shall be only heard on such grounds so stated; and if it shall appear to the said Committee, that such grounds are not specified with sufficient accuracy, the Committee may direct that there be given in to the Committee a more specific statement, in writing, but limited to such grounds of Objection so inaccurately specified.

Limit of
Time of
presenting

128. No Petitioners against any Private Bill, or any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order

Order or Provisional Certificate, shall be heard before the Committee on the Bill, unless their Petition shall have been prepared and signed in strict conformity with the Rules and Orders of this House, and shall have been presented to this House by having been deposited in the Private Bill Office, in the case of Private Bills, on or before the 12th day of February, and in the case of Bills originating in this House to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, not later than *Seven* clear *Days* after notice shall have been given of the day on which the Bill will be examined, except where the Petitioners shall complain of any matter which may have arisen during the Progress of the Bill before the said Committee, or of any proposed additional provision, or of the Amendments as proposed in the filled up Bill deposited in the Private Bill Office: Provided that in the case of—

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Committees
on Opposed
Bills.*

*Petition
against
Bills.*

- (a) any Bill brought from the House of Lords; and
- (b) any Bill as to which compliance with the Standing Order as to the time for depositing the Bill has been dispensed with; and
- (c) any Bill promoted by the London County Council and introduced under Standing Order 194;

a petition against the Bill may be deposited at any time not later than Ten clear Days after the First Reading of the Bill.

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ings of
Committees
on Opposed
Bills.*

Competition
to be a
ground of
locusstandi.

*Locus
standi* of
Share-
holders.

129. It shall be competent to the Referees on Private Bills to admit Petitioners to be heard upon their Petitions against a Private Bill, on the ground of competition, if they shall think fit.

130. Where a Bill is promoted by an Incorporated Company, Shareholders of such Company shall not be entitled to be heard before the Committee against such Bill, unless their interests, as affected thereby, shall be distinct from the general interests of such Company.

*Locus
standi* of
dissenting
Share-
holders.

131. In case any Proprietor, Shareholder, or Member of or in any Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership, shall by himself or any person authorized to act for him in that behalf, have dissented at any meeting called in pursuance of Standing Orders 62 to 66, or at any meeting called in pursuance of any similar Standing Order of the House of Lords, such Proprietor, Shareholder, or Member shall be permitted to be heard by the Committee on the Bill on a Petition presented to the House, such Petition having been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office.

*Locus
standi* of
Railway
Companies.

132. Where a Railway Bill contains provisions for taking or using any part of the Lands, Railway, Stations or Accommodations of another Company, or for running Engines or Carriages upon or across the same, or for granting other facilities, such Company shall be entitled to be heard upon their Petition against such

such provisions or against the Preamble and Clauses of such Bill.

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ings of
Committees
on Opposed
Bills.*

133. Where any body of persons corporate or unincorporated sufficiently representing a particular trade, business, or interest in any district to which any Railway Bill relates, petition against the Bill, alleging that such trade, business, or interest will be injuriously affected by the rates and fares proposed to be authorized by the Bill, or is injuriously affected by the rates and fares already authorized by Acts relating to the Railway undertaking, it shall be competent to the Referees on Private Bills, if they think fit, to admit the Petitioners to be heard, on such allegation, against the Bill, or any part thereof, or against the rates and fares authorized by the said Acts, or any of them.

*Locus
standi of
bodies re-
presenting
trades, &c.*

The provisions of this Order relative to rates and fares already authorized, extend to Traders and Freighters, and to a single Trader, in any case where a *locus standi* would have been allowed to them or him, if this Order had not been made.

Nothing in this Order shall authorize the Referees to entertain any question within the jurisdiction of the Railway Commissioners.

133a. Where any Society or Association, sufficiently representing a trade, business, or interest in any district to which any Bill relates, petition against the Bill, alleging that such trade, business, or interest will be injuriously

*Locus
standi of
Associations,
&c.*

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ings of
Committees
on Opposed
Bills.*

affected by the provisions contained therein, it shall be competent to the Referees on Private Bills, if they think fit, to admit the Petitioners to be heard on such allegations against the Bill or any part thereof.

*Locus
standi of
Municipal
Authorities
and Inhabi-
tants of
Towns, &c.*

134. It shall be competent to the Referees on Private Bills to admit the Petitioners, being the municipal or other authority having the local management of the metropolis, or of any town or district, or the inhabitants of any town or district alleged to be injuriously affected by a Bill, to be heard against such Bill, if they shall think fit.

*Local autho-
rities to
have a locus
standi
against
Lighting
and Water
Bills.*

134*a*. The municipal or other local authority of any town or district alleging in their Petition that such town or district may be injuriously affected by the provisions of any Bill relating to the lighting or water supply thereof, or the raising of capital for any such purpose, shall be entitled to be heard against such Bill.

*Locus
standi of
County
Councils.*

134*b*. It shall be competent to the Referees on Private Bills to admit the Petitioners, being the Council of any administrative county or county borough, or being a Joint Committee of Councils of administrative counties or county boroughs, the whole or any part of which is alleged to be injuriously affected by a Bill, to be heard against such Bill if they think fit.

134*c*. The

134c. The Council of any administrative county alleging in their Petition that such administrative county, or any part thereof, may be injuriously affected (A) by the provisions of any Bill relating to the water supply of any town or district, whether situate within or without such county, or (B) by the provisions of any Bill proposing to authorize the construction or reconstruction of any Tramway along any main road, or along any other road to the maintenance and repair of which the County Council contributes, within the administrative county, shall be entitled to be heard against such Bill.

Proceedings of Committees on Opposed Bills.

County Council to have a *locus standi* against a Water Bill or a Tramway Bill.

134d. Where any owner, lessee, or occupier, or where any Conservancy or other authority charged with the control of river or other waters, petitions against a Bill alleging that under its provisions any water or water supply of which they may legally avail themselves will be diminished or injuriously affected, it shall be competent to the Referees on private Bills, if they think fit, to admit the Petitioners to be heard against the Bill or any part thereof.

Locus standi of Owners of Rivers or River Conservancies, &c.

134e. It shall be competent to the Referees on Private Bills, if they think fit, to admit the Petitioners, being the Conservators, constituted under Act of Parliament, or under a Scheme or an Order of the Board of Agriculture, having the control, regulation, or management of any forest, common, or open space alleged to be injuriously affected by a Bill, to be heard against such Bill.

Locus standi of Conservators of Forests, Commons or Open Spaces.

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ings of
Committees
on Opposed
Bills.*

*Locus
standi of
Owners, &c.,
against
Tramway
Bills.*

135. The owner, lessee, or occupier of any house, shop, or warehouse in any street or road through which it is proposed to construct any Tramway, and who alleges in any Petition against a Private Bill or Provisional Order that the construction or use of the Tramway proposed to be authorized thereby will injuriously affect him in the use or enjoyment of his premises, or in the conduct of his trade or business, shall be entitled to be heard on such allegations before any Select Committee to which such Private Bill, or the Bill relating to such Provisional Order, is referred, and it shall be competent to the Referees on Private Bills to admit the Petitioners, being the owners, lessees, or occupiers of any house, shop, or warehouse having its access materially dependent on such street or road, and making the aforesaid allegations, to be heard against the Bill, if they think fit.

When op-
posed Bill
may be
treated as
unopposed.

136. In all cases of opposed Private Bills, in which no parties shall have appeared on the Petitions against such Bills, or having appeared shall have withdrawn their opposition before the evidence of the Promoters shall have been commenced, the Committees on such Bills shall forthwith refer them back, with a statement of the facts, if not Railway or Canal Bills, to the Committee of Selection, and if Railway and Canal Bills, to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, who shall deal with them as Unopposed Bills.

PROCEEDINGS OF, AND IN RELATION TO, COMMITTEES ON BILLS, WHETHER OPPOSED OR UNOPPOSED.

Proceedings of Committees on Bills.

137. At the first Meeting of the Committee, copies of the Bill, as proposed to be submitted to them, and signed by the Agent, shall be laid by him before each Member of the Committee.

Copies of filled-up Bill to be laid before each Member.

138. No Member, locally or otherwise interested, of a Committee on any Unopposed Private Bill shall have a Vote on any question that may arise, but every such Member shall be entitled to attend and take part in the proceedings of the Committee.

Local Member not to vote.

139. The Names of the Members attending each Committee shall be entered by the Clerk on the Minutes of the Committee; and if any Division shall take place in the Committee, the Clerk shall take down the Names of Members voting in any such Division, distinguishing on which side of the question they respectively vote, and such Lists shall be given in with the Report to The House.

Names of Members to be entered on Minutes.

140. No Committee shall have power to examine into the compliance or non-compliance with such Standing Orders as are directed to be proved before the Examiner of Petitions for

Committee on Bill not to inquire into certain Standing Orders.

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ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

Private Bills, unless by special order of The House.

Committee
may admit
Affidavits in
proof of
compliance
with Stand-
ing Orders.

141. The Committee on any Private Bill may admit Affidavits in proof of the compliance with such Standing Orders of The House as are directed to be proved before them, or may require further evidence; and such Affidavits shall be sworn, if in *England* or in *Ireland*, before a Justice of the Peace, or a Commissioner for Oaths, and if in *Scotland*, before any Sheriff Depute or his substitute, or a Justice of the Peace.

Proof of
Consents.

142. The Committee may admit proof of the Consents of parties concerned in interest in any Private Bill, by Affidavits sworn as aforesaid, or by the Certificate in writing of such parties, whose signatures to such Certificate shall be proved by *One* or more Witnesses, unless the Committee shall require further evidence.

Rights of
Petitioners.

143. A Petitioner against a Bill originating in the House of Lords who has discussed clauses in that House shall not on that account be precluded from opposing the Preamble of the Bill in this House.

Clause
compelling
payment of
Subscrip-
tions.

144. In all Bills presented to The House for carrying on any work by means of a Company, Commissioners or Trustees, provision shall be made for compelling Persons who have subscribed any Money towards carrying any such
work

work into execution to make payment of the sums severally subscribed by them.

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ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

145. Where the level of any Road shall be altered in making any public work, the ascent of any Main Road shall not be more than One foot in 30 feet, and of any other public carriage-road not more than One foot in 20 feet ; and a good and sufficient Fence, of Four feet high at the least, shall be made on each side of every bridge which shall be erected.

*Level of
Roads.*

145*a*. In the case of any Bill relating to a Tolls, &c. Railway, Tramway, Canal, Dock, Harbour, Navigation, Pier, or Port, seeking powers to levy tolls, rates, or duties in excess of those already authorized for that undertaking, or usually authorized in previous years for like undertakings, the Bill shall not be reported by the Committee until a Report from the Board of Trade on the powers so sought has been laid before the Committee ; and the Committee shall report specially to the House in what manner the recommendations or observations in the Report of the Board of Trade, and also in what manner the clauses of the Bill relating to the powers so sought, have been dealt with by the Committee.

146. Every Plan and Book of Reference thereto, which shall be produced in evidence before the Committee upon any Private Bill (whether the same shall have been previously

*Plan, &c. to
be signed by
Chairman.*

lodged

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ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

lodged in the Private Bill Office or not), shall be signed by the Chairman of such Committee, with his Name at length; and he shall also mark with the Initials of his Name every alteration of such Plan and Book of Reference which shall be agreed upon by the said Committee; and every such Plan and Book of Reference shall thereafter be deposited in the Private Bill Office.

Committee
Bill and
Clauses to
be signed by
Chairman.

147. The Chairman of the Committee shall sign, with his Name at length, a printed Copy of the Bill (to be called the Committee Bill), on which the Amendments are to be fairly written; and also sign, with the Initials of his Name, the several clauses added in the Committee.

Chairman to
report on
allegations
of Bill, &c.

148. The Chairman of the Committee shall report to The House, the allegations of the Bill have been examined; and whether the parties concerned have given their Consent (where such Consent is required by the Standing Orders) to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Chairman to
report Bill
in all cases.

149. The Chairman of the Committee shall report the Bill to The House, whether the Committee shall or shall not have agreed to the Preamble, or gone through the several clauses, or any of them; or where the parties shall have acquainted the Committee that it is not their intention to proceed with the Bill; and when
any

any alteration shall have been made in the Preamble of the Bill, such alteration, together with the ground of making it, shall be specially stated in the Report.

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ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

150. Whenever a recommendation shall have been made in a Report on a Private Bill from a Department of the Government referred to the Committee, the Committee shall notice such recommendation in their Report, and shall state their reasons for dissenting, should such recommendation not be agreed to.

*Recommen-
dation from
Government
Depart-
ments.*

151. Whenever The House shall order that any Bill for confirming a Provisional Order, or a Provisional Certificate be referred to the Committee of Selection with respect to any Order or Certificate to be confirmed thereby, the Proceedings of the Select Committee to which the Bill is referred, and of the Referees, shall be conducted in like manner as in the case of Private Bills, and shall be subject to the same Rules and Orders of The House so far as they are applicable, except those which relate to the payment of fees by the Promoters of such Provisional Order or Certificate.

*Proceedings
on Bills for
confirming
Provisional
Orders, &c.*

152. The Minutes of the Committee on every Private Bill shall be brought up and laid on the Table of the House, with the Report of the Bill.

*Minutes of
Committee.*

153. In

*Proceed-
ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

*Railway, Tramroad, Tramway, and
Subway Bills.*

Restrictions
as to Mort-
gage.

153. In the case of a Railway or Tramway Bill, a Company shall not be authorized to raise, by Loan or Mortgage, a larger sum than *One-third* of their capital ; or until *Fifty per cent.* on the whole of the capital shall have been paid up, to raise any Money, by Loan or Mortgage, unless the Committee on the Bill shall report that such restrictions or either of them ought not to be enforced, with the reasons on which their opinion is founded.

Limiting
Ascent of
Roads
where Level
is altered.

154. Where the level of any road shall be altered in making any Railway, the ascent of any Turnpike Road, or of any Road in *Ireland*, so defined in the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, shall not be more than One foot in 30 feet, and of any other public carriage-road not more than One foot in 20 feet, unless a Report thereupon from some Officer of the Board of Trade shall be laid before the Committee on the Bill, and unless the Committee, after considering such Report, and hearing the Officer if the Committee think fit, if they shall disagree with the said Report, shall recommend steeper ascents, with the reasons and facts upon which their opinion is founded: Also, a good and sufficient Fence, of Four feet high at the
least

least, shall be made on each side of every Bridge which shall be erected.

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ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

155. No Railway whereon carriages are moved by mechanical power shall be authorized to be made across any Railway, Tramway, Tramroad or public carriage-road on the level, and no tramway shall be authorised to be made across any railway on the level, unless a Report thereupon from some Officer of the Board of Trade shall be laid before the Committee on the Bill, and unless the Committee, after considering such Report, and hearing the Officer, if the Committee think fit, if they shall disagree with the said Report, shall recommend such level crossing, with the reasons and facts upon which their opinion is founded ; and in every clause authorizing a level crossing the number of lines of rails authorized to be made at such crossing shall be specified.

Level
Crossings.

156. No Railway Company shall be authorized to construct or enlarge, purchase, or take on lease, or otherwise appropriate any Canal, Dock, Pier, Harbour, or Ferry, or to acquire and use any steam-vessels for the conveyance of goods and passengers, or to apply any portion of their capital or revenue to other objects, distinct from the Undertaking of a Railway Company, unless the Committee on the Bill report that such a restriction ought not to be enforced, with the reasons and facts upon which their opinion is founded.

Acquisition
of Canals,
Docks, &c.
by Railway
Companies.

157. Every

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ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

Reports of
Public De-
partments.

157. Every Committee on a Railway Bill shall report specially to The House,—

Whether any Report from any Public Department in regard to the Bill, or the objects thereof, has been referred by The House to the Committee; and, if so, in what manner the several recommendations contained in such Report have been dealt with by the Committee :

Whether it be intended that the Railway shall cross on a level any Railway, Tramway, Tramroad, or Highway :

And any other circumstances which, in the opinion of the Committee, it is desirable that The House should be informed of.

Generating
Stations.

157*a*. In the case of any Bill relating to the generation of electricity for supply to persons or bodies other than the Promoters, the Bill shall not be reported by the Committee until a Report from the Board of Trade and His Majesty's Office of Works on the powers sought has been laid before the Committee; and the Committee shall report specially to The House in what manner the recommendations or observations in the Report of the Board of Trade and His Majesty's Office of Works, and also in what manner the clauses of the Bill relating to the powers sought, have been dealt with by the Committee.

158. In

158. In every Railway Bill, Tramway Bill, and Subway Bill, whereby the construction of any new line of Railway, Tramway, or Subway is authorized, or the time for completing any line already authorized is extended, promoted by an existing Railway Company, Tramway Company, or Subway Company, which is possessed of a Railway, Tramway, or Subway already opened for public traffic, and which has, during the year last past, paid dividends on its ordinary share capital, and which does not propose to raise under the Bill a capital greater than its existing authorized capital, there shall be inserted a clause to the following effect, viz. :—

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ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

*Limit of
Time for
completion
of Line.*

(A.) If the Company fail within the period limited by this Act to complete the Railway or Tramway authorized to be made by this Act, the Company shall be liable to a penalty of 50*l.* a day for every day after the expiration of the period so limited until the said Railway, Tramway, or Subway is completed and opened for public traffic, or until the sum received in respect of such penalty shall amount to five per cent. on the estimated cost of the works; and the said penalty may be applied for by any landowner or other person claiming to be compensated or interested in accordance with the provisions of the next following section of this Act, and in the same manner as the penalty provided in the 3rd section of the Act 17 & 18 Vict.

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Committees
on Bills.*

Vict. c. 31, known as "The Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1854," and every sum of Money recovered by way of such penalty as aforesaid shall be paid under the warrant or order of such Court or Judge as is specified in the said 3rd section of the Act 17 & 18 Vict. c. 31, to an account opened or to be opened in the name and with the privity of the Paymaster General for and on behalf of the Supreme Court in *England* [the King's Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, or the Accountant General of the Supreme Court in *Ireland* (according as the Railway, Tramway, or Subway is situate in *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*),] in the bank named in such order, and shall not be paid thereout except as hereinafter provided; but no penalty shall accrue in respect of any time during which it shall appear, by a certificate to be obtained from the Board of Trade, that the Company was prevented from completing or opening such line by unforeseen accident or circumstances beyond their control: Provided, That the want of sufficient funds shall not be held to be a circumstance beyond their control.

Railway, Tramway, or Subway Deposits.

Deposit
to be im-
pounded as

158*a*. In every Railway Bill, Tramway Bill, or Subway Bill whereby the construction of any new

new line is authorized, or the time for completing any line already authorized is extended; if such Bill be promoted by an existing Railway Company, Tramway Company, or Subway Company which is not possessed of a Railway, Tramway, or Subway already opened for public traffic, or which has not during the year last past paid dividends on its ordinary share capital; or by an existing Railway Company, Tramway Company, or Subway Company, when the capital to be raised under the Bill is greater than the existing authorized capital of the Company, or by persons not already incorporated, a clause to the following effect shall be inserted, viz. :—

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Committees
on Bills.*
—
security for
completion
of the Line.

(B.) Whereas, pursuant to the Standing Orders of both Houses of Parliament, and to “The Parliamentary Deposits Act, 1846,” a sum of £ , being five per cent. upon the amount of the Estimate in respect of the Railway or Tramway, authorized by this Act, has been deposited with the Court, that is to say, the Paymaster General for and on behalf of the Supreme Court in *England* [or the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, or the Accountant General of the Supreme Court in *Ireland*, as the case may be]; [or Exchequer Bills, Stocks, or Funds to the amount of £ , have been deposited or transferred pursuant to the said Act, as the case may be],
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Committees
on Bills.*

in respect of the application to Parliament for this Act (which Sum, Exchequer Bills, Stocks, or Funds, as the case may be, is or are in this Act referred to as "the Deposit Fund"): Be it enacted, That notwithstanding anything contained in the said recited Act, the Deposit Fund shall not be paid or transferred to or on the application of the person or persons, or the majority of the persons, named in the warrant or order issued in pursuance of the said Act, or the survivors or survivor of them (which persons, survivors, or survivor, are or is in this Act referred to as the "depositors") unless the Company shall, previously to the expiration of the period limited by this Act for completion of the Railway [Tramway or Subway] hereby authorized to be made [or the time for completing which is hereby extended], open the said Railway [Tramway or Subway] for public traffic [or, if a passenger Railway, for the public conveyance of passengers], and if the Company shall make default in so opening the said Railway [Tramway or Subway] the Deposit Fund shall be applicable, and shall be applied as provided by the next following Section. And to such Clause the Committee may, if they think fit, add a proviso to the following effect:—Provided, That, if within such period as aforesaid the Company open any portion of the said Railway [Tramway or Subway] for public traffic [or, if a passenger Railway

Railway, for the public conveyance of passengers], then on production of a certificate of the Board of Trade, specifying the length of the portion of the said Railway [Tramway or Subway] opened as aforesaid, and the portion of the deposit fund which bears to the whole of the deposit fund the same proportion as the length of the said Railway [Tramway or Subway] so opened bears to the entire length of the said Railway [Tramway or Subway] hereby authorized, the High Court shall, on the application of the depositors, order the said portion of the deposit fund so specified in such certificate as aforesaid to be paid or transferred to them, or as they shall direct; and the certificate of the Board of Trade shall, if signed by the Secretary, or by an Assistant Secretary of the said Board, be sufficient evidence of the facts therein certified; and it shall not be necessary to produce any certificate of this Act having passed, anything in the recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

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ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

In every Railway Bill, Tramway Bill, or Subway Bill, whereby the construction of any new line of Railway, Tramway, or Subway is authorized, or the time for completing any line already authorized is extended, a clause to the following effect shall be inserted:—

(C.) If the Company do not, previously to the expiration of the period limited by this Act for the completion of the Railway [Tramway

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ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

way or Subway] hereby authorized to be made (or the time for completion which is hereby extended) complete the said Railway [Tramway or Subway] and open it for public traffic [or, if a passenger Railway, for the public conveyance of passengers], then and in every such case the deposit fund, or so much thereof as shall not have been paid to the depositors, or any sum of money recovered by way of penalty as aforesaid, shall be applicable, and, after due notice in the "*London Gazette*" [or "*Edinburgh*" or "*Dublin Gazette*," as the case may require], shall be applied towards compensating any landowners or other persons whose property may have been interfered with, or otherwise rendered less valuable, by the commencement, construction, or abandonment of the said Railway [Tramway or Subway], or any portion thereof, or who may have been subjected to injury or loss in consequence of the compulsory powers of taking property conferred upon the Company by this Act, [and also (in the case of a Tramway) in compensating all road authorities for the expense incurred by them in taking up any Tramway, or materials connected therewith, placed by the Company in or on any road vested in or maintainable by such road authorities respectively, and in making good all damage caused to such roads by the construction or abandonment of such Tramway], and shall be distributed in satisfaction of such compensation

compensation as aforesaid, in such manner and in such proportions as to the Court may seem fit; and if no such compensation shall be payable, or if a portion of the deposit fund (or of the sum or sums of money recovered by way of penalty as aforesaid) shall have been found sufficient to satisfy all just claims in respect of such compensation, then the Deposit Fund (or the sum or sums of money recovered by way of penalty as aforesaid), or such portion thereof as may not be required as aforesaid, shall, if a receiver has been appointed, or the Company is insolvent *and has been ordered to be wound up*, or the undertaking [*in the case of a penalty* the Railway or Railways in respect of which the penalty has been incurred or any part thereof], has been abandoned, be paid or transferred to such receiver, or to the liquidator or liquidators of the Company, or be applied, in the discretion of the Court, as part of the assets of the Company for the benefit of the creditors thereof, and subject to such application, shall be repaid or retransferred to the depositors (Company): *Provided, That until the Deposit Fund shall have been repaid to the depositors, or shall have become otherwise applicable as hereinbefore mentioned, any interest or dividends accruing thereon shall from time to time, and as often as the same shall become payable, be paid to or on the application of the depositors.*

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on Bills.*

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on Bills.*
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N.B.—If the Clause lettered (A) is inserted in the Bill, the proviso at the end of the clause lettered (C) shall be omitted. In the case of a Railway Company omit the words “and has been ordered to be wound up,” and “or to the liquidator or liquidators of the Company,” and where there is no deposit omit the proviso.

(D.) If the Railway [or Tramway] authorized by this Act shall not be completed within the period limited by this Act, then, on the expiration of such period, the powers by this Act granted to the Company for making and completing the said Railway [or Tramway], or otherwise in relation thereto, shall cease to be exercised, except as to so much thereof as shall then be completed. The period limited shall not in the case of a new Railway, Tramroad, or Tramway line exceed five years, and the extension of time for completion shall not exceed three years, unless the Committee on the Bill think fit, in the special circumstances of the case, to allow a longer period. In the case of extension of time the additional period shall be computed from the expiration of the period sought to be extended.

In any Railway Bill or Tramway Bill to which the preceding provisions are not applicable, the Committee on the Bill shall make such other provision as they shall deem necessary for ensuring the completion of the line of Railway or Tramway.

158*b*. In the case of every Bill authorizing the abandonment of a Railway, Tramway, or Subway, or of any part thereof, and the release of any deposit money impounded as security for the completion thereof, a Report from the Board of Trade respecting the Bill, and the objects thereof, shall be presented to this House, and be referred to the Committee on the Bill; and the Committee shall report specially to the House in what manner the several recommendations contained in the Report from the Board of Trade have been dealt with by the Committee.

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Report in case of abandonment of Railway, Tramway, or Subway Bill, and release of Deposit Money.

159. The Committee on every Railway Bill shall fix the maximum Rates of Charge for the conveyance of Passengers, with a due amount of Luggage, such rates to include every expense incidental to such conveyance, and shall also fix the Charges for the conveyance of Parcels by passenger train; but if the Committee shall not deem it expedient to determine such maximum Rates of Charge, a Special Report, explanatory of the grounds of their omitting so to do, shall be made to The House, which Special Report shall accompany the Report of the Bill.

Committee to fix the Rates and Charges.

160. In every Railway Bill by which it is proposed to authorize the Company to grant any preference or priority in the payment of Interest or Dividends on any Shares or Stock, there shall be inserted a clause providing that the granting of such preference or priority shall not prejudice

Provision as to preference in payment of interest.

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ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

or affect any preference or priority in the payment of Interest or Dividends on any other Shares or Stock which shall have been granted by the Company in pursuance of or which may have been confirmed by any previous Act of Parliament, or which may otherwise be lawfully subsisting, unless the Committee on the Bill shall report that such Provision ought not to be required, with the Reasons on which their opinion is founded.

Company
not to alter
any pre-
ference
previously
granted.

161. No Railway Company shall be authorized to alter the terms of any preference or priority of Interest or Dividend which shall have been granted by such Company in pursuance of or which may have been confirmed by any previous Act of Parliament, or which may otherwise be lawfully subsisting, unless the Committee on the Bill report that such alteration ought to be allowed, with the Reasons on which their opinion is founded, together with the number of Preference Shareholders who have assented to or dissented from such alteration.

No powers
of purchas-
ing, &c.
Steam
Vessels in
Railway
Bills.

162. No powers of purchasing, hiring, or providing Steam Vessels shall be contained in a Bill by which any other powers are sought to be obtained by a Railway Company, except when the transit by such Steam Vessels is required to connect portions of Railway belonging to or proposed to be constructed by such Company.

163. No powers of purchase, sale, lease or amalgamation shall be given to any Railway Company, with reference to any other undertaking already authorized by any Act or Acts, nor to any other incorporated Company, with reference to any Railway, unless, previously to the application to Parliament for such purpose, the several Companies who may be parties to such purchase, sale, lease or amalgamation shall have proved to the satisfaction of the Board of Trade that they have respectively paid up one-half of the capital authorized to be raised by any previous Act or Acts by means of Shares, and have expended for the purposes of such Act or Acts a sum equal thereto; and in case such powers shall be applied for in respect of works intended to be authorized by any Bill or Bills of the same Session, it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Board of Trade that such Companies have respectively paid up one-half the amount of their Capital, and that the Company proposed to be empowered to construct such works have included in such amount the capital proposed to be authorized by such Bill or Bills; and that no such powers shall be given in respect of works intended to be authorized by any Act or Acts for which it is intended to apply in any subsequent Session.

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Committees
on Bills.*

No powers
of purchase.
&c. to be
given, except
after proof
of certain
matters
before
Board of
Trade, &c.

164. No Railway Company shall be authorized, except for the execution of its original Line or Lines sanctioned by Act of Parliament,

*Railway
Company
not to
guarantee.*

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ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

dividend
before com-
pletion of
Line.

to guarantee interest on any shares which it may issue for creating additional Capital, or to guarantee any rent or dividend to any other Railway Company, until such first-mentioned Company shall have completed and opened for traffic such original Lines.

Limitation
of Capital
on amal-
gamation of
Companies.

165. In Bills for the Amalgamation of Railway Companies, the amount of Capital created by such Amalgamation shall in no case exceed the sum of the Capitals of the Companies so amalgamated.

Limit to
additional
Capital of
purchasing
Company.

166. In Bills for empowering any Railway Company to purchase any other Railway, no addition shall be authorized to be made to the Capital of the purchasing Company, beyond the Amount of the Capital of the Railway purchased; and in case such Railway shall be purchased at a premium, no addition on account of such premium shall be made to the Capital of the purchasing Company.

Application
of provisions
of "The
Railway and
Canal Traffic
Act 1888,"
as to re-
vision of
Rates.

166a. In the case of every Bill for incorporating a Railway, Canal, or Tramroad Company, or for giving any powers to an existing Railway, Canal, or Tramroad Company to which no Rates and Charges Order Confirmation Act expressly applies, the Committee on the Bill shall fix the Rates and Charges for merchandise traffic (including small parcels of a perishable nature conveyed by passenger train exceeding 56 lbs. in weight) by reference to the

Rates

Rates and Charges Order Confirmation Act of some other Company which, in the opinion of the Committee, will properly and conveniently apply; and the Committee shall, in the case of an existing Company, provide that the Rates and Charges for merchandise traffic, and such small parcels, as aforesaid so fixed, shall be in substitution for the Rates and Charges for similar traffic authorized to be taken by the Company under their existing Acts.

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Committees
on Bills.*

If in any such Bill other than a Railway Bill the Committee shall be of opinion that no such Act as aforesaid will properly and conveniently apply, they shall insert a clause to the following effect:—

Section 24 of “The Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888,” and any enactment which may be passed in the present or any future Session of Parliament extending or modifying that enactment shall, with any necessary modifications, apply to the Company in all respects as if it were one of the Companies to which the provisions of the said enactment in terms applied. Provided that the time within which the revised schedule of maximum rates and charges prescribed by the said section shall be submitted to the Board of Trade shall be three years from the date of the passing of this Act, or such further time as the Board of Trade may permit.

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Committees
on Bills.*

Clause that
no Interest
or Dividend
be paid
on Calls.

167. A clause shall be inserted in every Railway Bill prohibiting the payment of any Interest or Dividend to any Shareholder on the amount of the Calls made in respect of the Shares held by him, except such interest or money advanced by any Shareholder beyond the amount of the Calls actually made as is in conformity with the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, or the Companies Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act, 1845, as the case may be; and except such interest (if any) as the Committee on the Bill may, according to the circumstances of the case, think fit to allow, subject always to the following conditions:—

- (1.) That the rate of interest allowed by the Committee do not in any case exceed four per centum per annum;
- (2.) That interest be allowed to be paid in respect only of the time allowed by the Bill for the completion of the Railway, or such less time as the Committee think fit;
- (3.) That payment of interest be not allowed to begin until the Railway Company have deposited with the Board of Trade a statutory declaration by two of the directors and the Secretary of the Company to the effect that two-thirds at least of the share capital authorized by the Bill, in respect whereof interest may be paid, have been actually issued and accepted, and are held by shareholders, who, or whose

whose executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, are legally liable for the same ;

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(4.) That interest do not accrue in favour of any Shareholder for any time during which any call on any of his shares is in arrear ;

(5.) That the aggregate amount to be so paid for interest be estimated and stated in the Bill, and be not deemed capital within Standing Order 153 ;

(6.) That notice of the Company having power so to pay interest be given in every prospectus, advertisement, or other document of the Company inviting subscriptions for shares, and in every certificate of shares ; and .

(7.) That the half-yearly accounts of the Company do show the amount on which, and the rate at which, interest has been paid ;

and the Company may be authorized by the Bill to pay interest accordingly, but not further or otherwise, and the Committee on the Bill shall report to the House whether or not they have allowed such interest.

168. A clause shall be inserted in every Railway Bill, by which any money is authorized to be raised, prohibiting the Company from paying, out of such money, the Deposits required

Clause as to Deposits not to be paid out of Capital.

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Committees
on Bills.*

by the Standing Orders to be made for the purposes of any application to Parliament for a Bill for the construction of another Railway.

Application
of Standing
Orders 145*a*
and 158 to
168, inclu-
sive.

168*a*. The foregoing Orders, No. 145*a*, and Nos. 158 to 168, inclusive, shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to Subways, Subway Companies, and Subway Bills, and to Tramroads, Tramroad Companies, and Tramroad Bills.

Clause as to
Railway not
to be exempt
from any
General Act.

168*b*. The following clause shall be inserted in all Railway Bills passing through this House :—

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the Railway by this or the said recited Acts authorized to be made from the provisions of any General Act relating to Railways now in force, or which may hereafter pass during this or any future Session of Parliament, or from any future revision and alteration, under the authority of Parliament, of the maximum rates of fares and charges authorized by this Act [or by the said recited Acts].

Tramroad Bills.

Application
of Railway
and Canal
Traffic Act,
&c. to Tram-
roads.

168*c*. In every Bill for the construction of a Tramroad of Railway gauge, and intended to communicate with a Railway, a clause shall be inserted that the provisions of "The Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1854," and of "The Railway and Canal Traffic Acts, 1873 and 1888," shall

shall apply to the Company as if they were a Railway or Canal Company, and to the Tramroad to be authorized by the Act as if such Tramroad were a Railway or Canal.

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ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

169. In every Tramroad Bill the length of so much of any Tramroad as is to be constructed along any street or road, or upon any street or road, or upon any waste or open ground by the side of any street or road, shall be set forth in miles, furlongs, chains, and links or yards, or decimals of a chain, in the clause describing the works.

*Length of
Tramroad
along Street
or Road to
be stated.*

170. In every Railway Bill, Tramway Bill, and Subway Bill, the length of each Railway, Tramway, and Subway be set forth in miles, furlongs, chains, and yards, or decimals of a chain, in the clause describing the works, with a statement in the case of each Tramway, whether it is a single or a double line.

*Length of
Railway,
Tramway,
and Subway,
to be speci-
fied in
Clause
describing
the works.*

Tramway Bills.

170a. No powers shall be given to any local authority to construct, acquire, take on lease, or work any Tramway, or portion of Tramway, beyond the limits of their district, unless such Tramway or portion of Tramway is in connection with the Tramway belonging to or authorized to be constructed, acquired, or worked by the local authority, and unless the Committee on the Bill shall determine that,

*Restriction
of powers
for con-
struction,
acquisition,
or taking
on lease of
Tramway
by Local
Authority.*

having

*Proceed-
ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

having regard to the special local circumstances, such construction, acquisition, taking on lease, or working ought to be sanctioned.

In every case in which the Committee shall so determine, they shall specify what portion of the Tramway will be situate beyond the district of the local authority to which the power of construction, acquisition, or taking on lease is given, and shall insert a clause for the protection of the local authority of the district in which such Tramway or portion of Tramway will be situate in the terms, *mutatis mutandis*, of Section 43 of "The Tramways Act, 1870," except that the Committee may, if they think fit, in the special circumstances of the case, substitute a period not exceeding forty-two years for the period of twenty-one years mentioned in that section.

*Running
powers in
Tramway
Bills.*

171. Where a local authority are empowered to work any Tramways belonging to, or authorized to be constructed or acquired by them, the Committee on the Bill may, if they think fit under the special circumstances of the case, empower the local authority to enter into agreements for running powers over any Tramways in connection with the Tramways so worked or to be worked by them, and such running powers shall be deemed to be a purpose of "The Public Health Act, 1875," and the expenses of the exercise of such powers shall, in the event of deficiency in the Tramway

account, be defrayed out of a local rate, as defined by "The Tramways Act, 1870." *Proceedings of Committees on Bills.*
 Provided that in any such case the Committee on the Bill shall make provision :—

- (1.) That no such agreement shall have effect until approved by the Board of Trade;
- (2.) That all enactments, bye-laws, and regulations relating to the use of or the running of carriages upon the Tramways, and the taking of tolls and charges therefor, shall, so far as applicable, extend and apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to, and shall be observed by, the local authority exercising such running powers ;
- (3.) That such running powers shall in no case be exclusive, and shall cease unconditionally at the expiration of seven years from the date of the agreement ;
- (4.) That further agreements for the exercise of such running powers may be made from time to time with the approval of the Board of Trade for any period not exceeding seven years, provided that such powers shall cease unconditionally at the expiration of the period for which the same are given ;
- (5.) That all questions in dispute as to the construction of or arising in consequence of such agreements shall be determined by arbitration.

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Committees
on Bills.*

And the Committee shall report the circumstances specially to The House.

Local Government.

Estimates.

172. In the case of all Bills whereby any Municipal Corporation, District Council, Joint Board, or Joint Committee, or other local authority in England or Wales, are authorized to borrow money for any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board of Trade or the Local Government Board, estimates showing the proposed application of the money for permanent works shall (except so far as the exercise of the borrowing power is made subject to the sanction of the respective Board) be recited in the Bill as introduced into Parliament, and proved before the Select Committee to which the Bill is referred.

Copies of the estimates and statements deposited in accordance with Standing Order 36a or under General Order made in pursuance of "The Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899," shall be laid before the Committee for the purposes of this Order.

Bills
relating to
Local Go-
vernment in
Ireland.

173. Whenever by any Bill application is made by or on behalf of any Urban District Council, or Town or other Commissioners in *Ireland* for any new powers, or for any increased or additional powers, the Promoters shall be required to obtain a certificate under the seal of the Local Government Board of *Ireland*, setting forth whether such application is made with or without the sanction and
approval

approval of the said Local Government Board which certificate shall be produced before the Committee to whom the Bill is referred, and shall be reported upon by the said Committee.

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Committees
on Bills.*

173a. In the case of any Bill promoted by or conferring powers on a Municipal Corporation or Local Board, Improvement Commissioners, Town Commissioners, or other local authority or public body having powers of local government or rating, the Committee on the Bill shall consider the clauses of the Bill with reference to the following matters:—

*Committee
to consider
and report
on Clauses
in reference
to various
matters
affecting
Local Go-
vernment
or Rating.*

(a) Whether the Bill gives powers relating to Police, Sanitary or other Local Government Regulations in conflict with, deviation from, or excess of, the provisions or powers of the general law ;

(b) Whether the Bill gives powers which may be obtained by means of bye-laws made subject to the restrictions of General Acts already existing ;

(c) Whether the Bill assigns a period for repayment of any loan or for the redemption of any charge or debt, under the Bill exceeding the term of sixty years, which term the Committee shall not in any case allow to be exceeded, or any period disproportionate to the duration of the works to be executed, or other objects of the loan, charge, or debt ;

(d) Whether the Bill gives borrowing powers for purposes for which such powers

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Committees
on Bills.*
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already exist, or may be obtained under General Acts, without subjecting the exercise of the powers under the Bill to approval from time to time by the proper Government Department.

And the Committee shall report specially to The House—

In what manner any clauses relating to the several matters aforesaid have been dealt with by the Committee; and

Whether any Report from any Government Department relative to the Bill has been referred to the Committee; and

If so, in what manner the recommendations in that Report have been dealt with by the Committee; and

Any other circumstances of which, in the opinion of the Committee, it is desirable that The House should be informed :

And the Report of the Committee shall be printed.

Agreements.

Agreement
to be an-
nexed to
Bill.

174. Where it is sought by any Bill to give Parliamentary sanction to any Agreement, such Agreement shall be annexed to the Bill as a Schedule thereto, and shall be printed *in extenso* therewith.

Letters Patent.

Copy of
Letters
Patent to
be annexed
to the Bill.

175. When any Bill shall be brought into The House for restoring any Letters Patent, there shall be a true copy of such Letters Patent annexed to the Bill, and the total amount

amount of fees (including the prescribed fee for enlargement under Section 17 of "The Patents, and Designs Act, 1907"), due and to become due on the patent, shall be deposited with the Comptroller General of Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks, before the meeting of the Committee on the Bill, and such deposit proved before the Committee.

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Committees
on Bills.*

Charitable or Educational Institutions.

175a. Notice in writing of any Bill relating to England or Ireland, and containing provisions whereby any application of the property of any charity not authorized by the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts, shall be directed, or the patronage or the constitution of any charity, or the right of any charity to any property, shall be effected, or setting up or taking power to set up or to take over or interfere in the management of any school or other educational foundation or institution, or to levy any rate or raise money for any such purpose, shall be given to the Attorney General for England or Ireland, as the case may be, and no such Bill shall be taken into consideration by the Committee on the Bill until the House has received a report from the Attorney General on such Bill, and such report shall stand referred to the Committee on the Bill, but this Standing Order shall not apply to a Bill for confirming a Provisional Order.

*Report of
Attorney
General in
case of Bill
affecting
any charity
or educa-
tional
foundation
in England
or Ireland.*

Inclosure and Drainage Bills.

176. In the case of any Bill for inclosing Lands, the Committee may admit proof of the

*Notices and
Allegations.*

*Proceed-
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Committees
on Bills.*

Notices required by the Standing Orders, and of the Allegations in the Preamble of such Bill, by Affidavit taken and authenticated, according to the form prescribed in the Schedule to the General Inclosure Act (41 Geo. 3, c. 109), unless such Committee shall otherwise order.

Inclosure
Bills.

177. The Committee on every Bill for inclosing Lands shall in the first place require the Agent for the same to deliver in to the Committee a printed copy of the Bill, signed by the Lord of the Manor (in cases where the Lord of the Manor has any interest as such in the lands to be inclosed), and by such Owners of Property within the parish to which the Bill relates as shall have assented thereto; but the parties, if they shall think fit, shall be permitted to deliver in different copies of the Bill, separately signed by the several parties hereinbefore mentioned, instead of one copy signed by all of them collectively; together with a List of all the Owners of Property within such parish, showing the value according to the Poor Rate or Land Tax Assessment of each Owner's property therein, and distinguishing which of them have assented, dissented, or are neuter in respect thereto.

Drainage
Bills.

178. The Committee on every Bill for draining Lands shall in the first place require the Agent for the same to deliver in to the Committee a printed copy of the Bill, signed by such Owners and Occupiers of Property within the drainage district to which the Bill relates

as shall have assented thereto ; but the parties, if they shall think fit, shall be permitted to deliver in different copies of the Bill, separately signed by the several Parties hereinbefore mentioned, instead of one copy signed by all of them collectively ; together with a List of all the Owners of Property within such district, showing the value according to the Poor Rate or Land Tax Assessment of each Owner's property therein, or the extent in acres, roods, and perches, and distinguishing which of them have assented, dissented, or are neuter in respect thereto.

*Proceed-
ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

179. In every Bill for inclosing Lands, provision shall be made for leaving an open space in the most appropriate situation, sufficient for purposes of exercise and recreation of the neighbouring population ; and the Committee on the Bill shall have before them the number of acres proposed to be inclosed, as also of the population in the parishes or places in which the land to be inclosed is situate : and also shall see that provision is made for the efficient fencing of the allotment, for the investment of the same in the Churchwardens and Overseers of the parish in which such open space is reserved, and for the efficient making and permanent maintenance of the fences by such parish ; and in any case where the information hereby required is not given, and the required provisions are not made in the Bill, the Committee on the same shall report specially to The House the Reasons for not complying with such Order.

*Clause for
leaving
Open Space
for Exercise
and Recrea-
tion.*

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ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

Consent Bill
to contain
Names of
Commis-
sioners, &c.

180. In every Bill for inclosing Lands, the names of the Commissioners proposed to be appointed, and the Compensation intended for the Lord of the Manor, and the Owners of Tithes, in lieu of their respective Rights, and also the Compensation intended to be made for the enfranchisement of Copyholds, where any Bargains or Agreements have been made for such compensations, shall be inserted in the copy of the Bill presented to The House: And all copies of such Bills which shall be sent to any of the persons interested in the said Manor, Tithes, Lands or Commons, for their consent, shall contain the Names of such proposed Commissioners, and also the Compensations so bargained or agreed for.

Disqualifica-
tion of
certain Per-
sons as Com-
missioners,
Surveyors,
&c.

181. No Person shall be named in any Bill for inclosing Lands as a Commissioner, Umpire, Surveyor, or Valuer, who shall be interested in the Inclosure to be made by virtue of such Bill; or the Agent ordinarily intrusted with the care, superintendence or management of the Estate of any person so interested.

Provisions
for settling
Pay of Com-
missioners.

182. In every Bill for inclosing, draining or improving Lands, there shall be inserted a clause, providing what sum of Money in the whole, or by the day, shall be paid to each of the Commissioners to be appointed by such Bill, in satisfaction of the expense and trouble which he shall incur in the execution of the powers thereby given; and also a clause, providing that the Account of such Commissioner or Commissioners, containing a true statement
of

of all sums by him or them received and expended or due to him or them for their own trouble or expenses, shall, at least once in every year, from the date of the passing of the Act till such Accounts shall be finally allowed, together with the Vouchers relating to the same, be examined by some person or persons to be appointed by the Bill, and the Balance by him or them stated in the Book of Accounts required to be kept in the Office of the Clerk of such Commissioners; and that no charge or item in such Accounts shall be binding on the parties concerned, or be valid in law, unless the same shall be duly allowed by such person or persons.

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ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

Inclosures.

183. Whenever a Private Bill contains any provisions relating to the Inclosure of Land, which might be comprised in a Provisional Order, under the Acts for the Inclosure and Improvement of Land, the Committee to make a Special Report thereon to The House.

Committee on any Private Bill containing provisions relating to the Inclosure of Land in certain cases to make a Special Report.

Houses of the Working Classes in Scotland or Ireland.

184. In the case of every Bill which gives, revives, or extends power to take land in Scotland or Ireland compulsorily or by agreement, clauses shall be inserted:—

Provisions with respect to Houses occupied by Working Class in Scotland or Ireland.

(1.) Providing that the Promoters shall not, in the exercise of such power, purchase or acquire, in any local area any house or houses, occupied either wholly or partially by thirty or more persons belonging to

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ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

the working class, as tenants or lodgers, unless and until—

(a) They shall have obtained the approval of the Central Authority to a scheme for providing new dwellings for the persons residing in such houses, or for such number or proportion of such persons as the Central Authority shall, after inquiry, deem necessary, having regard to the number of persons residing in the houses liable to be taken and working within one mile therefrom, and to the amount of vacant suitable accommodation in the immediate neighbourhood of the houses liable to be taken, or to the place of employment of such persons, and all the other circumstances of the case; and

(b) They shall have given security to the satisfaction of the Central Authority for the carrying out of the scheme ;

(2.) Imposing adequate penalties on the Promoters in the event of houses being acquired or appropriated for the purposes of the Bill in contravention of the foregoing provisions ;

(3.) Providing that the expenses or any part of the expenses incurred by the Central Authority under this Order shall be defrayed by the Promoters of the Bill, or out of moneys to be raised under the Bill ; and

(4.) Conferring on the Promoters and on the Central Authority respectively any powers that may be necessary to enable full effect to be given to the said scheme.

Expressions

Expressions defined in Order 38 have the same meanings in this Order.

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ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

Accommodation for Workmen.

184a. In the case of every Bill authorising the construction of works outside the county of London or any municipal borough the Committee to which the Bill is referred shall take this Order into their consideration, and if they are of opinion that such a number of workmen will probably be simultaneously employed upon the works as having regard to the nature and situation of the works to make such an inquiry desirable, they shall inquire into the question of the sufficiency of the accommodation and service available or proposed by the promoters to be provided under the Bill—

*Provision
of accom-
modation
for work-
men on
works.*

(1) for the proper housing and sanitary requirements of persons employed in constructing the works authorised by the Bill ;

(2) for the treatment of cases of sickness or accident, including accommodation for dealing with infectious disease ;

and if they think that further accommodation or service for those purposes ought to be provided they shall insert in the Bill such clauses as in their opinion are necessary to secure the provision of satisfactory accommodation or service for those purposes by the local authority, company, or person authorised to execute the works.

Water.

185. In the case of every Bill whereby it is proposed to impound or abstract the whole or

*Compensation
Water.*

any

*Proceed-
ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

any part of the water of any river or stream, the Committee on the Bill shall inquire into the expediency of making provision, so far as may be practicable, for giving a flow of water in compensation for the water so impounded or abstracted, and that the whole or a minimum amount of such compensation water shall be given in a continuous flow throughout the twenty-four hours of every day, and shall report to The House accordingly.

Turnpike Roads (Ireland).

Clause for
Qualifi-
cation of
Commis-
sioners.

186. In every Bill for making a Turnpike Road in *Ireland*, or for the continuing or amending any Act passed for that purpose, or for the increase or alteration of the existing Tolls, Rates or Duties upon any such Road, or for widening or diverting any such Road, a clause shall be inserted, to prevent any person who shall be nominated a Commissioner from acting or voting in the business of the said Turnpike, unless he shall be possessed of an Estate in Land, or of a Personal Estate, to such certain value as shall be specified in such Bills; and such Qualification shall be extended to the Heirs apparent of persons possessed of an Estate in Land to a certain value to be specified.

*Burial Grounds, Cemeteries, Gas Works,
and Electricity.*

Clause for
defining
limits of
Cemetery,
Burial
Ground or
Gas Works,
&c.

187. In every Bill for making or constructing Gas Works or Sewage Works, or Works for the manufacture or conversion of the residual products of Gas or Sewage, or for making

making or constructing, altering, or enlarging any Sewage Farm, Cemetery, Burial Ground, Crematorium, Destructor, Hospital for infectious disease, or station for generating electrical energy, there shall be inserted a clause defining the lands in or upon which such Gas Works, Sewage Works, Farm, Cemetery, Burial Ground, Crematorium, Destructor, Hospital, or Generating Station may be made or constructed.

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ings of
Committees
on Bills.*

188. In every Bill by which an existing Gas or Water Company is authorized to raise additional Capital, provision shall be made for the offer of such capital by public auction or tender at the best price which can be obtained, unless the Committee on the Bill shall report that such provision ought not to be required with the reasons on which their opinion is founded.

*Gas or Water
Companies
(Additional
Capital).*

In the case of every such Gas Bill, it shall be competent to the Committee so to regulate the price of the Gas to be charged to consumers that any reduction of an authorized standard price shall entitle the Company to make a proportionate increase of the authorized dividend, and that any increase above the standard price shall involve a proportionate decrease of dividend.

Estate Bills.

188a. In the case of any Estate Bill, the Committee on the Bill shall report specially to The House if the Bill contains provisions extending either the term or the area of any Settlement of Land, and the Report of the Committee shall be printed.

*Committee
on Estate
Bills to
report speci-
ally in cer-
tain cases.*

[Private Business.]

*Proceed-
ings of
Select Com-
mittee on
Divorce
Bills.*

Committee
on Divorce
Bills.

PROCEEDINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON DIVORCE BILLS.

189. There shall be a Committee, to be designated "The Select Committee on Divorce Bills," to consist of *Nine* Members, who shall be nominated at the commencement of every Session, of whom *Three* shall be a Quorum.

Evidence to
be given in
Divorce
Cases.

190. The Select Committee on Divorce Bills shall require evidence to be given before them that an action for damages has been brought in one of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in one of His Majesty's Courts of Record in *Dublin*, or in one of His Majesty's Supreme Courts of Judicature of the Presidencies of *Calcutta*, *Madras*, *Bombay*, or the Island of *Ceylon*, respectively, against the persons supposed to have been guilty of Adultery, and judgment for the Plaintiff had thereupon; or sufficient cause to be shown to the satisfaction of the said Committee why such action was not brought, or such judgment was not obtained.

Petitioner
for Bill to
attend Com-
mittee.

191. The Select Committee on Divorce Bills shall, in all cases in which the Petitioner for the Bill has attended the House of Lords upon the Second Reading of the Bill, require him to attend before them to answer any questions they may think fit that he should answer.

Committee
to report
Bill in all
cases.

192. The Select Committee on Divorce Bills shall report every such Bill to The House, whether such Committee shall or shall not have agreed to the Preamble, or gone through the several clauses, or any of them.

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ORDERS REGULATING THE
PRACTICE OF THE HOUSE WITH
REGARD TO PRIVATE BILLS.

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Orders regulating the Practice of the House with regard to Private Bills. *Practice
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193. No Private Bill shall be brought into this House but upon a Petition, which shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, with a printed copy of the proposed Bill annexed. And such Petition shall be signed by the parties, or some of them, who are Suitors for the Bill. Petition for Bill.

193*a*. No Bill originating in this House for confirming a Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate shall be read the First Time after Whitsuntide. First Reading of Provisional Order Bills.

194. All Bills promoted by the London County Council, containing power to raise Money, by the creation of stock or on loan, shall be introduced as Public Bills; but after being read a Second Time by The House, shall be referred to a Select Committee to be nominated by the Committee of Selection, in like manner as Private Bills. Procedure in case of Bills promoted by the London County Council.

But this Order shall not apply to a Bill promoted by the London County Council for the borrowing of money, which complies with the following conditions:

- (1.) If it authorizes the borrowing and expenditure for the purposes mentioned in the

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the Bill of the sum shown by the estimates recited in the Preamble to be required for each such purpose, that purpose being the execution of a power conferred or extended either by the Bill, or by some public, local, or personal Act ;

Provided that the Bill may authorize the borrowing and expenditure for any purpose for which estimates are not recited in the Preamble, if it fixes a maximum aggregate sum to be so borrowed, and requires every such borrowing to be sanctioned by the Local Government Board ;

(2.) If it is so framed as not to authorize the borrowing and expenditure of any money after the financial period, that is to say, the period ending on the 30th day of *September* next after the expiration of the then current financial year of the Council ;

(3.) If it is so framed as to provide for the money borrowed being repaid, whether by the creation of a sinking fund, or the redemption of stock, or otherwise, within the period fixed by the Bill, or if the borrowing is sanctioned by the Local Government Board fixed by that Board, and the Committee or Board in fixing the period for the repayment of money borrowed for any work shall not fix any period which is in their opinion disproportionate to the duration of such work, and shall in

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no case fix a period exceeding that pre-
 scribed by any public Act relating thereto, *Practice of The House.*
 or if no period is so prescribed exceeding
 sixty years ;

(4.) If in the case of any Bill conferring
 or extending any power involving the ex-
 penditure of money after the financial
 period, the recited estimates show the total
 amount of money required for the execu-
 tion of the power as well as the particular
 amount to be borrowed and expended
 during the financial period.

194*a*. Where any Act has conferred upon
 the London County Council any power involving
 the expenditure of money for any purpose after
 the then current financial period, or has extended
 any such power, it shall not be competent for
 the Committee on any Bill authorizing the bor-
 rowing and expenditure of money for the same
 purpose during a subsequent financial period,
 except in pursuance of an express instruction
 from The House, to reduce the total amount of
 money shown by the estimates recited in such
 Act to be required for the execution of the
 power. *London County Council Money Bills.*

194*b*. A Bill complying with the conditions
 specified in Standing Order 194, if it contains
 no powers or provisions except in relation to
 and consequential on the borrowing and ex-
 penditure of money, or in relation to the Con-
 solidated Loans Fund, or to borrowing by the
 Council, *Regulation as to London County Council Bills.*

Practice Council, shall be subject to the following
of
The House. requirements, that is to say :—

(1.) The Petition for the Bill, with the declaration and printed copy of the Bill annexed, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office on or before the 14th day of *April*, or the first day on which The House shall re-assemble after the Easter Recess, whichever shall be the later, instead of the 17th day of *December* in the previous year ;

(2.) Notice of such Bill shall be published in the months of *February* and *March*, or either of them, instead of in the months of *October* and *November* in the previous year ;

(3.) Copies of the Bill shall be deposited with the Treasury and the Local Government Board on or before the day on which the Petition for the Bill is deposited in the Private Bill Office ;

(4.) The Bill shall, as soon as may be after the deposit of the Petition, be presented for first reading, and shall, after the first reading, be referred to the Examiner, who shall give two clear days' notice at the Private Bill Office of the day appointed for the examination thereof, and the Bill shall not be read a second time until the Examiner has reported whether the preceding requirements of this Order have been complied with ;

(5.) Whenever

(5.) Whenever the Bill is amended at any stage, a copy of the Bill as so amended shall be forthwith deposited with the Treasury and the Local Government Board ;

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(6.) The Tables accompanying the Bill, as required by Section 12 of “ The Metropolitan Board of Works Loans Act, 1875,” shall be made up to the 31st day of *March* preceding the last day allowed for the deposit of the Bill, and if printed copies of those Tables have been deposited in the Private Bill Office, and at the Vote Office, and with the Treasury and Local Government Board, at least one clear day before the Second Reading of the Bill, it shall be sufficient if those Tables are prefixed to the Bill as brought up for Second Reading in this House.

38 & 39 Vict.
c. 65.

194c. No Bill promoted by the London County Council shall authorize any alteration of the mode of dealing with the Consolidated Loans Fund, or of borrowing by the Council, unless a Report of the Treasury on the proposed alteration is presented to The House and referred to the Committee on the Bill. The Committee shall consider the Report, and may, if they think fit, hear the officers of the Treasury. If the Committee disagree with the Report, they shall report the fact to The House, with the reasons of their disagreement.

Report from
Treasury on
certain London
County Council
Bills.

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Reports
from Public
Depart-
ments on
London
County
Council
Bills.

194d. In the case of any Bill promoted by the London County Council authorizing the borrowing and expenditure of money, if there is presented to The House and referred to the Committee on the Bill a Report from the Local Government Board or Treasury with respect to the Bill or to the borrowing by the County Council and the management of the Consolidated Loans Fund during the previous financial year, the Committee shall report specially to The House in what manner the matters contained in such Report have been dealt with by the Committee, and any circumstances arising out of such Report which, in the opinion of the Committee, it is desirable that The House should be informed of. If no such Report is referred to the Committee, the Committee shall report the fact to The House.

Estimates
recited in
London
County
Council
Bills.

194e. The estimates recited in any Bill promoted by the London County Council shall be supported by such plans and specifications as the Committee think proper.

Deposit of
Private
Bills.

195. All Private Bills shall on the day previous to the day fixed for their being laid upon the Table of The House be deposited in the Private Bill Office, and shall be laid by one of the Clerks of that office on the Table of The House, together with a list of such Bills.

Presenta-
tion of Pri-
vate Bills.

196. Where the Examiner has endorsed the Petition for a Private Bill "Standing Orders complied with," the Bill shall be presented by being laid on the Table of The House not later than one clear day after such endorsement, or if
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when it is endorsed The House is not sitting, then not later than one clear day after the first sitting thereof subsequent to such endorsement, and if The House is not sitting on the latest day on which the Bill ought to be laid on the Table of The House, then the Bill shall be so laid on the first day on which The House again sits.

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Where the Examiner has reported with respect to any Private Bill that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, and the Report has been referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, and the Select Committee on Standing Orders have reported that the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with, the Bill shall be presented by being laid on the Table of The House not later than one clear day after The House has given leave to the parties to proceed with the Bill.

197. A Private Bill shall, when laid on the Table of The House, be deemed to have been read a First Time and ordered to be read a Second Time, on the day on which it is so laid, and shall be recorded in the Votes as having been so read.

Bill deemed
to be read a
First Time.

198. No Petition for additional provision in any Private Bill will be received by this House, unless a printed Copy of the proposed clauses be annexed thereto.

Petition for
Additional
Provision.

199. All Reports of the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills, in which he shall report that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, and all Special Reports of the said

Reports of
Examiner to
be referred
to Com-
mittee on
Standing
Orders.

Practice of The House. Examiner, shall be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Petitions for Dispensation, &c. to be referred to Committee on Standing Orders.

200. All Petitions praying that any of the Sessional or Standing Orders of The House relating to Private Bills may be dispensed with, and all Petitions for the re-insertion of Petitions for Private Bills in the General List of Petitions, and all Petitions opposing the same, shall be presented to this House by depositing the same in the Private Bill Office; and every such Petition, so deposited, shall stand referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

When Standing Orders applicable to Public Bill are not complied with, Order of the Day relating to the Bill discharged.

200a. Where a Public Bill (not being a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order or Certificate) is ordered to be read a Second Time, on a day appointed, and it appears that the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills may be applicable to the Bill, the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills shall examine the Bill with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders, and shall proceed and report forthwith, and the Order of the Day relating to the Bill shall not be affected thereby; but if the Examiner report that any Standing Order applicable to the Bill has not been complied with, and the Select Committee on Standing Orders report that such Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with, the Order of the Day relating to the Bill shall be discharged.

Printed Bill to be presented.

201. Every Private Bill, printed on paper, of a size to be determined upon by Mr. Speaker, shall be presented to The House, with a Cover of Parchment attached to it, upon which the Title

Title of the Bill is to be written ; and the Short Title of the Bill, as first entered on the Votes, shall correspond with that at the head of the Advertisement.

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202. All Charges in any way affecting the Public Revenue, which occur in the clauses of any Private Bill, shall be printed in *italics* in such Bill when presented to The House.

All charge affecting the Public Revenue to be inserted in *Italics*.

203. Every Private Bill (except Name Bills) shall be printed ; and printed copies thereof delivered to the Vote Office for the use of the Members before the First Reading.

Printed Copies of Bills to be delivered at Vote Office.

204. There shall not be less than *Three* clear *Days*, nor more than *Seven*, between the First and Second Reading of any Private Bill, or any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, except in the case of Private Bills which have been brought from the Lords and have been referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in which case such Bill shall not be read a Second Time later than Seven clear days after the Report of the Examiner, or of the Select Committee on Standing Orders, as the case may be.

Time between First and Second Reading.

205. Every Petition in favour of or against any Private Bill, or any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate before The House, or otherwise relating thereto (not being a Petition for additional provision), shall be presented to this House, by depositing the same in the Private Bill Office, and there shall be indorsed thereon the name or short

Petition relating to Bills to be presented to House by being deposited in the Private Bill Office.

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title by which such Bill is entered in the Votes, and a Statement that such Petition is in favour of or against the Bill, or otherwise as the case may be, together with the name of the Member, Party or Agent depositing the same.

Petitions or
Memorials
may be
withdrawn.

206. Any Petitioner or Memorialist may withdraw his Petition or Memorial, on a requisition to that effect being deposited in the Private Bill Office, signed by him or by the Agent who deposited such Petition or Memorial; and where any such Petition or Memorial is signed by more than one person, any person signing such Petition or Memorial may withdraw his opposition by a similar requisition, signed and deposited as aforesaid.

Second or
Third Read-
ing to be
postponed
when
opposed.

207. In cases where the Second or Third Reading of a Private Bill, or the consideration of a Bill as amended by the Committee, or any proposed Clause or Amendment, or any Motion relating to a Private Bill, is opposed, the same shall be postponed until the day on which The House shall next sit.

Provided that any opposed Private Business set down at a quarter past eight may be arranged in such order as the Chairman of Ways and Means may determine.

Where any such Opposed Private Business is set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means, and is disposed of, any Motion contingent directly or otherwise thereon may, with the assent of the Chair, be considered and disposed of at the same sitting.

208. Every

208. Every Private Bill, not being a Railway, Canal, or Divorce Bill, after having been read a Second Time and committed, shall stand referred to the Committee of Selection; and if a Railway or Canal Bill, to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills; and if a Divorce Bill, to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills.

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Private Bills to stand referred to Committee of Selection General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, and Divorce.

Provided that a Bill which is referred to the Examiners after Second Reading shall not be committed until the Examiners have reported that any Standing Orders not previously inquired into are not applicable thereto, or that any such Standing Orders as may be applicable have been complied with, or the Standing Orders not having been complied with, the Select Committee on Standing Orders have resolved that such Standing Orders should be dispensed with, and the House has agreed with the Select Committee in such Resolution.

208*a*. Every Bill for confirming Provisional Orders or Provisional Certificates shall, after the Second Reading, stand referred to the Committee of Selection, or to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, as the case may require, and be subject to the Standing Orders regulating the proceedings upon Private Bills, so far as they are applicable: Provided that, when any Order or Certificate contained in any such Bill is opposed, the Committee to whom such opposed Order or Certificate is referred shall consider all the Orders or Certificates comprised in such Bill, and may, if they think fit, divide the Bill into two Bills, dealing with the
opposed

Provisional Order Bills to stand referred to Committee of Selection, or General Committee.

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Unopposed Bills when treated as opposed to be again referred to Committee of Selection or General Committee. (S.O. 83.)

209. When The House shall have been informed by the Chairman of Ways and Means, that in his opinion any Unopposed Private Bill should be treated as an Opposed Bill, such Bill shall be again referred to the Committee of Selection; or in the case of a Railway or Canal Bill, to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Petition against Bill to stand referred to Committee on Bill, &c.

210. Every Petition against a Private Bill which shall have been deposited in the Private Bill Office within the required time, and every Petition against any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, which shall have been deposited in the Private Bill Office not later than *Seven* clear days after notice shall have been given of the day on which the Bill will be examined, or which shall have been otherwise deposited in accordance with the Standing Orders of The House, and in which the Petitioners shall have prayed to be heard, by themselves, their Counsel or Agents, shall stand referred to the Committee on such Bill, and such Petitioners, subject to the Rules and Orders of The House, shall be heard upon their Petition accordingly, if they think fit, and Counsel heard, in favour of the Bill against such Petition.

Time between Committal and Sitting of the Committee.

211. There shall be *Six* clear Days between the Committal of every Private Bill, and of every Bill to confirm any Provisional Order.

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or Provisional Certificate, and the sitting of the Committee thereupon, except in the case of Name Bills, Naturalization Bills, and Estate Bills (not being Bills relating to Crown, Church or Corporation Property, or property held in trust for Public or Charitable purposes), in respect of which there shall be *Three* clear Days between the Committal and the Committee.

212. All Reports made under the authority of any Public Department upon a Private Bill, or the objects thereof, laid before The House, shall stand referred to the Committee on the Bill.

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The House.*

Reports
Depart-
ments to
stand
referred to
Committee
on Bill.

213. The Report upon every Private Bill shall lie upon the Table; and every such Bill, if amended in Committee, or a Railway or a Tramway Bill, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table; but if not amended in Committee, and not a Railway or a Tramway Bill, it shall be ordered to be read a Third Time.

Report of
Bills.

214. Every Private Bill, as amended in Committee, shall be printed at the expense of the parties applying for the same, and delivered to the Vote Office for the use of the Members, *Three* clear Days at least before the consideration of such Bill.

Printing of
amended
Bills.

215. In the case of Private Bills ordered to lie upon the Table, *Three* clear Days shall intervene between the Report and the consideration of the Bill, and no consideration of any such Bill shall take place, unless the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall have

Time
between
Report and
Considera-
tion of Bill,
&c.

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of
The House.*

have informed The House, or signified in writing to Mr. Speaker, whether the Bill contain the several provisions required by the Standing Orders.

Amend-
ments not
to be pro-
posed on
considera-
tion of Bill,
or on Third
Reading,
unless sanc-
tioned by
Chairman
of Ways and
Means.

216. No Clause or Amendment shall be offered in The House on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, nor any verbal Amendment on the Third Reading of any Private Bill, unless the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall have informed The House, or signified in writing to Mr. Speaker, whether, in his opinion, such Clause or Amendment be such as ought or ought not to be entertained by The House, without referring the same to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Clauses and
Amend-
ments
offered on
considera-
tion of Bill,
or verbal
Amend-
ments on
Third
Reading,
to be
printed.

217. When any Clause or Amendment is offered on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, or any verbal Amendment on the Third Reading of any Private Bill, such Clause or Amendment shall be printed: And when any Clause is proposed to be amended, it shall be printed *in extenso*, with every addition or substitution in different type, and the omissions therefrom included in brackets and underlined, unless the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall consider such printing to be unnecessary. The expense of printing such Clauses or Amendments, when offered by a party promoting or opposing a Bill, shall be paid by such party.

218. When

218. When any Clause or Amendment on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, or any verbal Amendment on the Third Reading of any Private Bill, shall have been referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, no further proceeding shall be had until the Report of the said Select Committee shall have been brought up.

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Report of Select Committee on Standing Orders on Amendments.

219. No Amendments, not being merely verbal, shall be made to any Private Bill on the Third Reading.

No Amendments, except verbal, on Third Reading.

220. All Amendments made by the House of Lords to any Private Bill shall be printed at the expense of the parties, prior to such Amendments being taken into consideration; and where any clause has been amended, it shall be printed *in extenso*, with every addition or substitution in different type, and the omissions therefrom included in brackets and underlined, unless the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall consider such printing to be unnecessary and when any Amendments are intended to be proposed to the Lords' Amendments, such proposed Amendments shall also be printed in like manner.

Lords' Amendments to be printed prior to consideration, &c.

221. Every Private Bill, after it has been read a Third time shall be printed fair, at the expense of the parties applying for the same.

Bill to be printed fair after Third Reading.

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of
The House.*

Notice of
Committee
to inspect
Lords'
Journals
to be given
to Com-
mittee
Clerks.

Bill not to
proceed two
stages on
same day.

Notice to
be given of
Motion for
Dispensa-
tion.

Extension
of time for
Petitions,
&c., in case
of adjourn-
ments of
the House.

Order of
Proceedings
in House
on Private
Business.

222. In all cases where it is intended to appoint a Committee to inspect the Journals of the House of Lords with relation to any proceedings upon any Private Bill, previous notice thereof in writing shall be given by the Agent to the Clerks in the Committee Office.

223. No Private Bill shall pass through two stages on one and the same day without the special leave of The House.

224. Except in cases of urgent and pressing necessity, no Motion shall be made to dispense with any Sessional or Standing Order of The House without due notice thereof.

224*a*. When the time allowed for (*a*) presenting Petitions under Standing Order 128, other than Petitions required to be presented on or before the 12th day of *February*, or (*b*) for depositing Memorials under Standing Order 230 in respect of Petitions for Bills deposited in the Private Bill Office after the 17th day of *December*, or (*c*) for the Second Reading of any Bill under Standing Order 204 expires during any adjournment of the House, the time shall be extended to the first day on which the House sits after the adjournment, but this Standing Order shall not apply to an adjournment from Friday to the following Monday.

225. Each day, so soon as The House shall be ready to proceed to Private Business, the Clerk at the Table shall read from the Private Business

Business List, and from the List of Bills presented for First Reading (*see* Order 196), the Titles of the several Bills set down therein, according to their precedence, as arranged under the following heads:—

1. Consideration of Lords' Amendments ;
2. Third Reading ;
3. Consideration of Bills ordered to lie upon the Table ;
4. Second Reading ;
5. First Reading ;

and if upon the reading of each such Title as aforesaid, no Motion shall be made with respect to such Private Bill, the further proceedings thereon shall be adjourned until the next sitting of The House.

225*a*. All Bills for confirming Provisional Orders or Certificates shall be set down for consideration, each day, in a separate List, after the Private Business, and arranged in the same order as that prescribed by the Standing Orders for Private Bills.

*Provisional
Order Bills.*

226. This House will not insist on its privileges with regard to any clauses in Private Bills, or in Bills to confirm any Provisional Orders or Provisional Certificates sent down from the House of Lords which refer to tolls and charges for services performed, and are not in the nature of a Tax, or which refer to rates assessed and levied by local authorities for local purposes.

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Charges
not in the
nature of
a tax.*

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in the
Private
Bill Office.*

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ORDERS REGULATING THE
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Private Bill Office.*

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in the
Private
Bill Office.*

227. Registers shall be kept in the Private Bill Office, in which shall be entered by the clerks appointed for the business of that Office the Name and Place of Residence of the Parliamentary Agent in Town, and of the Agent in the Country (if any) soliciting the Bill; and all the proceedings, from the Petition to the passing of the Bill:—Such entries to specify, briefly, each day's proceeding before the Examiners of Petitions respectively, or in the House, or in any Committee to which the Bill may be referred; the day and hour on which the Examiner or the Committee is appointed to sit; the day and hour to which the proceedings before such Examiners or Committee may be adjourned, and the name of the Clerk attending the same. Such Registers to be open to public inspection daily in the said Office.

228. The receipt of all Documents required by the Standing Orders of The House to be deposited in the Private Bill Office shall be acknowledged by one of the clerks of the said Office, upon the said Documents, when deposited.

Receipt of
Document
to be ac-
knowledgeed.

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in the
Private
Bill Office.*

List of Petitions to be kept.

229. A List of all Petitions for Private Bills shall be kept in the Private Bill Office in the order of their deposit, according to such regulations as shall have been made by Mr. Speaker, which shall be called the "General List of Petitions," and each Petition therein shall be numbered.

Memorials,
when to be
deposited.

230. All Memorials complaining of non-compliance with the Standing Orders, in reference to Petitions for Bills deposited in the Private Bill Office on or before the 17th *December*, shall be deposited as follows:—

If the same relate to Petitions for Bills numbered in the General List of Petitions

From

1 to 100	} They shall be {	<i>Jan.</i> 9th.
101 to 200		deposited on { „ 16th.
201 and upwards		or before { „ 23rd.

And in the case of any Petitions for Bills which may be deposited by leave of The House after the 17th *December*, such Memorials shall be deposited *Three* clear Days before the day first appointed for the examination of the Petition.

Deposit of
Memorials
and Copies
thereof in
Private Bill
Office.

231. All Memorials shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office before Six of the clock in the evening of any day on which The House shall sit, and between Eleven and One of the clock on any day on which The House shall not sit, and Two copies of every such Memorial shall

shall be deposited for the use of the Examiners before Twelve of the clock on the following day.

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in the
Private
Bill Office.*

232. Every Memorial complaining of non-compliance with the Standing Orders of The House in reference to Petitions for additional provision in Private Bills, to Bills brought from the House of Lords and to Bills introduced by leave of this House in lieu of other Bills which shall have been withdrawn, and to Bills for confirming any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, together with Two Copies thereof, before Twelve o'clock on the day preceding that appointed for the examination of any such Petition or Bill by the Examiner; and the Examiner shall be at liberty to entertain such Memorial, although the party (if any) who may be specially affected by the non-compliance with the Standing Orders shall not have signed the same.

*Time for
depositing
Memorials
in certain
cases, &c.*

233. Every Private Bill, after it has been read the First Time, shall be in the custody of the Clerks of the Private Bill Office, until laid upon the Table for the Second Reading; and when committed, shall be taken by the proper Committee Clerk into his charge till reported.

*Custody of
Bills.*

234. Between the First and Second Reading of every Private Bill, the Bill shall be examined, with all practicable despatch, by the Clerks of the Private Bill Office, as to its conformity with the Rules and Standing Orders of The House.

*Examina-
tion of Bill.*

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in the
Private
Bill Office.*

Notice of
Second
Reading.

235. *Three* clear Days' Notice in writing shall be given by the Agent for the Bill, to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, of the day proposed for the Second Reading of every Private Bill; and no such Notice shall be given until the day after that on which the Bill has been ordered to be read a Second Time.

Notice of
Committee.

236. *Four* clear Days' Notice in the case of Opposed Bills, and *One* clear Day's Notice in the case of Unopposed and Re-committed Bills, shall be given to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office by the Clerk to the Committee of Selection, or by the Clerk to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, with regard to all Bills referred to either of the said Committees, and, with regard to Bills not referred to either of the said Committees, by the Clerk to the Committee to which any such Bill is either referred or re-committed, of the day and hour appointed for the first meeting of the Committee on every Private Bill, and Notice shall be given in like manner of the postponement of the first meeting of the Committee on every Private Bill on the day on which such postponement is made.

Filled-up
Bill to be
deposited
in Private
Bill Office.

237. A filled-up Bill, signed by the Agent for the Bill, as proposed to be submitted to the Committee on the Bill, and in the case of a re-committed Bill, a filled-up Bill, as proposed to be submitted to the Committee on re-committal, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office,

Two

Two clear Days before the meeting of the Committee on every Private Bill ; and a copy of the proposed Amendments shall be furnished by the Promoters to such parties petitioning against the Bill as shall apply for it, *One* clear Day before the meeting of the Committee.

*Practice
in the
Private
Bill Office.*

238. Notice, in writing, shall be given by the Committee Clerk to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, of the day and hour to which each Committee is adjourned.

*Notice of
Adjourn-
ment.*

239. *One* clear Day's Notice, in writing, shall be given by the Agent for the Bill, to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, of the day proposed for the consideration of every Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table.

*Notice of
considera-
tion of Bill.*

240. The Committee Clerk, after the Report is made out, shall deliver in to the Private Bill Office a printed copy of the Bill, with the written Amendments made in the Committee ; in which Bill all the clauses added by the Committee shall be regularly marked in those parts of the Bill wherein they are to be inserted.

*Bill as
amended in
Committee
to be
delivered in.*

241. Every Private Bill printed as amended in Committee, shall be examined by the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, with the Bill delivered in by the Committee Clerk, and the Examining Clerks shall indorse thereon a certificate of such examination.

*Bill printed
as amended
to be ex-
amined.*

242. When it is intended to bring up any clause or to propose any Amendment on the

*Notice to
be given of
Clauses &c.
on consider-*

*Practice
in the
Private
Bill Office.*

ation of Bill,
or verbal
Amendment
on Third
Reading.

consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, or any verbal Amendment on the Third Reading of any Private Bill, Notice shall be given thereof, in the Private Bill Office, *One* clear Day previous to such consideration or Third Reading.

Notice of
Third
Reading.

243. *One* clear Day's Notice, in writing, shall be given by the Agent for the Bill, to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, of the day proposed for the *Third Reading* of every Private Bill; and no such Notice shall be given until the day after that on which the Bill shall have been ordered to be read a Third Time.

Amend-
ments on
considera-
tion of Bill
and Third
Reading.

244. The Amendments (if any) which are made on the consideration of any Private Bill, ordered to lie upon the Table, and on the Third Reading of any Private Bill, and also such Amendments made by the House of Lords as shall have been agreed to by this House, shall be entered by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, upon the printed Copy of the Bill as amended in Committee; which Clerk shall sign the said copy so amended, in order to its being deposited and preserved in the said Office.

Private Bills
sent to the
Lords to be
indorsed
with Certifi-
cate of Ex-
amination.

245. Every Private Bill, after it has been printed fair shall, before the same is sent to the Lords, be examined by the Clerks in the Private Bill Office with the Bill as read a Third Time; and the Examining Clerks shall indorse thereon a certificate of such examination.

246. When

246. When Amendments made by the House of Lords to any Private Bill are to be taken into consideration, *One* clear Day's Notice shall be given thereof in the Private Bill Office, and if any Amendments be intended to be proposed thereto, a copy of such Amendments shall also be deposited, and Notice given thereof, *One* clear Day previous to the same being proposed to be taken into consideration; and no such Notice shall be given until the day after that on which such Bill shall have been returned from the House of Lords.

*Practice
in the
Private
Bill Office.*

Notice of
considera-
tion of
Lords'
Amend-
ments.

247. All *Notices* required to be given or Deposits to be made in the Private Bill Office shall be delivered in the said Office before *Six* of the clock in the *Evening* of any day on which The House shall sit, and between *Eleven* and *One* of the clock on any day on which The House shall not sit; and after any day on which The House shall have adjourned beyond the following day, no Notice shall be given for the first day on which it shall again sit.

Time for
delivering
Notices.

248. The Clerks in the Private Bill Office shall prepare, daily, Lists of all Private Bills, and Petitions for Private Bills upon which any Committee or Examiner is appointed to sit; specifying the hour of meeting, and the Room where the Committee or Examiner shall sit; and the same shall be hung up in the Lobby of the House.

Daily List
of Commit-
tees sitting.

*Practice
in the
Private
Bill Office.*

Plans to be
verified as
Mr. Speaker
shall direct.

249. Every Plan, and Book of Reference thereto, which shall be certified by The Speaker of The House of Commons, in pursuance of any Act of Parliament, shall previously be ascertained, and verified in such manner as shall be deemed most advisable by The Speaker, to be exactly conformable in all respects to the Plan and Book of Reference which shall have been signed by the Chairman of the Committee upon the Bill.

6.

VI.
*Private
Legislation
Procedure
(Scotland)
Act, 1899.*

VI.

ORDERS FOR PURPOSES OF THE
PRIVATE LEGISLATION
PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT,
1899.

VI.

VI.

Orders for purposes of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899. *Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899.*

250. In the following Orders—

Definitions.

The expression “the Procedure Act” means the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899.

The expression “the Chairman” means the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons.

The expression “Draft Order” means a Draft Provisional Order under the Procedure Act.

The expression “Substituted Bill” means a Bill promoted in lieu of a Provisional Order or part thereof which the Secretary for Scotland has refused to issue.

251. The Chairman of Committees in the House of Lords (if that House thinks fit so to order) and the Chairman of Ways and Means in this House shall together determine all matters of practice and procedure which will enable them to take into consideration Draft Provisional Orders submitted to the Secretary for Scotland under the Procedure Act.

Chairmen to determine procedure for consideration of draft Provisional Orders.

252. A copy

*Private
Legislation
Procedure
(Scotland)
Act, 1899.*

Report of
Chairmen
on Draft
Provisional
Orders.

252. A copy of every Report on any Draft Provisional Order made by the Chairmen to the Secretary for Scotland, signed by the Chairmen, shall be laid before this House on or before the third day after it is made, or if the House be not then sitting, on or before the third day after its next sitting.

Committee
of Selection
to choose
Parliamentary
Panel.

253. The Committee of Selection shall select and propose to the House the names of not more than 15 Members to form the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as Commissioners under the Procedure Act.

Bills originating in the House of Lords referred to Joint Committee to be deemed to have passed Committee in this House.

254. Where a Confirmation Bill originating in the House of Lords has been referred to a Joint Committee under the provisions of section 9 of the Procedure Act, that Bill shall, after being read a Second Time in this House, be deemed to have passed the stage of Committee, and be ordered to be read a Third Time.

Constitution
of Joint
Committee.

254a. Where, under the provisions of section 9 of the Procedure Act, a Confirmation Bill has been referred to a Joint Committee, the Committee of this House shall consist of Three Members, to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Deposit of
substituted
Bill at public
departments.

255. Where under the provisions of section 2 of the Procedure Act the Secretary for Scotland has refused to issue a Provisional Order, or part thereof, and the Petitioners for the Order desire to promote a Bill for the same objects as were sought by the Draft Provisional Order or such
part

part, the Promoters shall, on or before the seventh day after the notification to them of the refusal of the Secretary for Scotland to issue the Provisional Order or part, deposit a copy of the substituted Bill in every office of a public department or other office in which copies of the Draft Provisional Order were, under General Orders, made in pursuance of the Procedure Act, required to be deposited. In the case of Petitions for Provisional Orders deposited on or before the 17th day of *April*, which are directed to be proceeded with as Bills, the substituted Bills may be deposited on or before the ensuing 17th day of *December*, and all notices given, or other proceedings taken, in respect of such Petitions and substituted Bills shall be applicable to such Bills.

*Private
Legislation
Procedure
(Scotland)
Act, 1889.*

256. In the case of a substituted Bill, the service of such Notices to opponents as are required by section 2 of the Procedure Act shall be proved before one of the Examiners, but where compliance with the corresponding General Order is proved it shall not be necessary to prove compliance with Standing Orders 3 to 68, and the Notices published and served, and the deposits made for the Provisional Order, or for such part, shall be held to have been published, served, and made respectively for such Bill.

257. Provisions which were contained in a draft Provisional Order may be omitted from the substituted Bill, but no provisions shall

Proofs
before Exa-
miners.

No provi-
sions not
contained in
draft Pro-
visional
Order to be

*Private
Legislation
Procedure
(Scotland)
Act, 1899.*

inserted in
substituted
Bill.

shall be inserted in any substituted Bill as deposited which were not contained in the Draft Provisional Order; and the Examiner shall certify whether this Order has or has not been complied with.

Deposit of
substi-
tuted Bills
brought
from House
of Lords.

258. A copy of every substituted Bill brought from the House of Lords shall, not later than two days after the Bill is read a First Time, be deposited at every office at which the Draft Order was deposited under General Order 33 or would be required to be deposited under that Order, if the Draft Order as originally applied for had contained the same provisions as the substituted Bill so brought from the House of Lords.

Petitions for
or against.

259. All Petitions deposited at the Office of the Secretary for *Scotland* pursuant to General Orders, in favour of or against a Draft Provisional Order shall, on transmission from the Office of the Secretary for *Scotland*, be received as if duly deposited in favour of or against the substituted Bill.

APPENDIX TO STANDING
ORDERS.

Appendix.

APPENDIX (A.)

[FORM referred to in Pages 98 and 135.]

No. _____

Sir,

WE beg to inform you that Application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session for "An Act" [*here insert the Title of the Act*], and that the Property mentioned in the annexed Schedule, Part I., or some part thereof, in which we understand you are interested as therein stated, will be liable to be taken compulsorily for the purposes of the said Undertaking [and that the Property mentioned in the annexed Schedule, Part II., in which we understand you are interested as therein stated, will be liable to have an improvement charge imposed upon it].

We also beg to inform you, that a Plan and Section of the said Undertaking, with a Book of Reference thereto, have been or will be deposited with the [*several Clerks of the Peace or principal Sheriff Clerks, as the case may be*] of the Counties of [*specify the Counties in which the Property is situate*], on or before the 30th November, and that copies of so much of the said Plan and Section as relates to the [*Parish or other area in accordance with the terms of Standing Order 29, as the case may be*] in which your Property is situate, with a Book of Reference thereto, have been or will be deposited for public inspection with the [*Clerk, or other*

other Officer in the said Order respectively mentioned, as the case may be], on or before the 30th day of November, on which Plan your Property is designated by the Numbers in the annexed Schedule.

Appendix.
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As we are required to report to Parliament whether you assent to or dissent from the proposed Undertaking, or whether you are neuter in respect thereto, you will oblige us by writing your Answer of Assent, Dissent, or Neutrality in the Form left herewith, and returning the same to us with your Signature on or before the day of next; and if there should be any Error or Misdescription in the annexed Schedule, we shall feel obliged by your informing us thereof, at your earliest convenience, that we may correct the same without delay.

We also beg to inform you that it is intended that the Act shall provide to the effect that, notwithstanding Section 92 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845 [*or* Section 90 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act, 1845], you may be required to sell and convey a part only of your Property, numbered on the deposited Plans.

We are, Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

To

Note.—If the Application is forwarded by Post, the words “Parliamentary Notice” are to be printed or written on the cover.

Appendix.

SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Notice, describing the Property therein alluded to.						
—	Parish, or other Area as the case may be.	Number on Plans.	Descrip- tion.	Owner.	Lessee.	Occupier.
Property which may be taken compulsorily.		PART I.				
		PART II.				
Property on which an improvement charge may be imposed.						

A TABLE of the FEES to be charged at
The House of Commons.

FEES to be paid by the PROMOTERS of a
PRIVATE BILL.

	<i>£ s. d</i>
On the deposit of the Petition, Bill, Plan, or any other Document in the Private Bill Office - - - - - - - -	5 - -
For every day on which the Examiners shall inquire into the compliance with the Standing Orders - - - -	5 - -

For PROCEEDINGS in the HOUSE.

On the presentation of the Bill - -	5 - -
On the First Reading of the Bill - -	15 - -
On the Second Reading of the Bill - -	15 - -
On the Report from the Committee on the Bill - - - - - - - -	15 - -
On the Third Reading of the Bill - -	15 - -

Bills from the Lords, commonly called Estate Bills, Divorce Bills, Naturalization Bills, and Name Bills, to be charged only one-half of the preceding Fees.

The preceding Fees on the Presentation, First, Second, and Third Readings, and Report, to be increased according to the money to be raised or expended under

the authority of any Bill for the execution of a work, in conformity with the following Scale:—

If the sum be 100,000*l.* and under 500,000*l.*, twice the amount of such Fees.

If the sum be 500,000*l.* and under 1,000,000*l.*, three times the amount of such Fees.

If the sum be 1,000,000*l.* and above, four times the amount of such Fees.

For PROCEEDINGS before any COMMITTEE or the REFEREES.

For every day on which the Committee or the Referee shall sit,—	£	s.	d.
If the Promoters of the Bill appear by Counsel - - - - -	10	-	-
If they appear without Counsel - - -	5	-	-

FEEs to be paid by the OPPONENTS of a PRIVATE BILL.

	£	s.	d.
On the deposit of every Memorial complaining that the Standing Orders have not been complied with - - - - -	1	-	-
On the presentation or deposit of every Petition against a Private Bill - - -	2	-	-

For PROCEEDINGS before the EXAMINERS, or before any COMMITTEE or the REFEREE.

	£	s.	d.
For every day on which the Examiners shall inquire into any Memorial complaining of a non-compliance with the Standing Orders - - - - -	3	-	-
For every day on which the Petitioners appear before any Committee or the Referees - - - - -	2	-	-

GENERAL FEES.

	£	s.	d.
On every Motion, Order, or Proceeding in the House upon a Private Bill, Petition, or matter not otherwise charged - -	1	-	-
For Copies of all Papers and Documents, at the rate of 72 words in every folio—			
If five folios or under - - - -	-	2	6
If above five folios, per folio - -	-	-	6
For the Copy of a Plan made by the parties - - - - -	1	-	-
For the inspection of a Plan, or of any Document - - - - -	-	5	-
For every Plan or Document certified by The Speaker pursuant to any Act of Parliament - - - - -	10	-	-
For every day on which any parties shall be heard by Counsel at the Bar, from each side - - - - -	10	-	-
For every day on which a Committee of the whole House shall sit on a Private Bill or matter - - - - -	6	-	-
For serving any Summons or Order on a Private Bill or matter - - - - -	1	-	-
For every Order for the commitment or discharge of any person - - - - -	1	-	-
For taking any person into custody for a Breach of Contempt or Privilege - -	5	-	-
For taking any person into custody for any other cause - - - - -	2	-	-
For every day on which any person shall be in custody - - - - -	1	-	-
For Riding Charges per mile - - -	-	-	6

FEES to be paid on the TAXATION of COSTS on
PRIVATE BILLS.

	£	s.	d.
For every application or reference to "The Taxing Officer of the House of Commons," for the Taxation of a Bill of Costs - - -	1	-	-
For every 100 <i>l.</i> of any Bill which shall be allowed by the Taxing Officer - - -	1	-	-
On the deposit of every Memorial complaining of a Report of the Taxing Officer - - - - -	1	-	-
For every Certificate which shall be signed by The Speaker - - - - -	1	-	-
For Copies of any Documents in the office of the Taxing Officer, per folio of 72 words - - - - -	-	1	-

That the same Fees be paid in case The Speaker shall refer to the Taxing Officer any Bill of Costs, under the authority of an Act of the sixth year of his late Majesty King George the Fourth, "To establish a Taxation of Costs on Private Bills in the House of Commons."

That every Bill for the particular interest or benefit of any person or persons, whether the same be brought in upon Petition, or Motion, or Report from a Committee, or brought from the Lords, hath been and ought to be deemed a Private Bill within the meaning of the Table of Fees.

FEES to be taken by the SHORTHAND WRITER.

	£	s.	d.
For every day he shall attend - - -	2	2	0
For the transcript of his notes, per folio of 72 words - - - - -	-	-	9

The preceding fees shall be charged, paid, and received at such times, in such manner, and under such regulations as The Speaker shall from time to time direct.

James K. Lowther
Speaker

Mercurii, 27^o die Julii, 1864.

Ordered, That the said Table of Fees be a Standing Order of this House.

C. P. Mount

Clerk of the House of Commons.

Examined.

G. C. Gifford.

Clerk of the Journals.

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